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Date: 123-1869-1

August 11, 1948

SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC,
New York
From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ALEXANDER G. BAREIN
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402 - 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

You are requested to conduct a thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, reputation and loyalty of the above-named individual. It will be necessary to furnish leads to auxiliary offices by teletype, but teletype summaries to the Bureau are not desired. The original and two copies of the reports are required.

Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 22, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948, should be followed in conducting this investigation.

This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, to reach the Bureau by

August 24, 1948.

Address: 670 West End Avenue, New York, New York

Birth date: August 16, 1899
Birthplace: Mohileff, Russia

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Verify date and place of birth.

Applicant states he was born in Mohileff, Russia, on August 16, 1899, and was naturalized in the Southern District of New York, on July 15, 1943. Check Immigration and Naturalization records and report all pertinent information.

Employment: Radio-translation editor, Office of Strategic Services, New York, from 1943 to 1944.

Editorial Consultant Readers' Digest, Pleasantville, New York, from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Residences: 670 West End Avenue, New York, New York, from 1944 to 1948.

12 East 4th Street, New York, New York, from 1941 to 1944.

West 39th St. P. New York, New York, from 1940 to 1941.

46-138 233rd St., Laurelton, Long Island, New York, in 1940.

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SAC, New York

References: Roy W. Howard, President, Scripps-Howard, 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

William L. White, Editor-Writer, 160 East 66th Street, New York, New York.

H. V. Kaltenborn, Radio Commentator, 167 East 64th Street, New York, New York.

Archibald B. Roosevelt, Investment broker, Turkey Lane, Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

Paul Palmer, Senior Editor, Readers' Digest, Pleasantville, New York.

HAVE A MATURE, EXPERIENCED AND WELL-QUALIFIED AGENT, PREFERABLY ONE WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN CONTACTING NEWSPAPER MEN AND OTHER PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS, HANDLE THE INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANT'S REFERENCES.

Relatives: Mary Earmine, wife, 670 West End Avenue, New York, New York.

Applicant states he has two sons, Alexander and Boris Earmine. He indicates that he has not heard from them since 1937 and if they are alive, they are probably in Russia.

It is noted that the applicant does not list his employment later than 1946. His activities since that time should be determined and checked fully.

Applicant states he served in U.S. Army with ASN 32654737 from December 4, 1942, to March 22, 1943.

It is noted that Mr. Paul Palmer, Senior Editor of the Readers' Digest, who is also listed as a reference, wrote the following letter to the Director on June 16, 1948, concerning this applicant:

" Dear Mr. Hoover:

This note, though it may seem to ask a favor for a friend of mine, really asks a favor for our country.

My friend, Alexander Earmine, former General in the Red Army, Soviet Government official, and author of the book ONE WHO SURVIVED, came to this country in 1939, as you know. When we entered the war, he enlisted in the Army as a private and was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer and an American citizen. The latter part of his service was with O.S.S., for which organization he monitored short-wave broadcasts to various European countries. In this last job he seems to have been in the midst of fellow-travelers and Communist Party members to whom his presence was a considerable embarrassment. On the occasion of his writing for the Reader's Digest an article about the Communist threat to America, they succeeded in having him dismissed.

At the present time, Earmine has been asked by the Director to go to work for the State Department on the Voice of America. Inasmuch as Earmine is still 100% anti-Communist, it is possible that the same fellow-traveler opposition which he met with in the O.S.S. will attempt to interfere with his appointment. "

The above letter is being furnished to you for your information and guidance during the investigation.

SAC, New York

WASHINGTON

Check CSC, NCIA, ONI, IDA, State and CIA files.

ALL OFFICES

For your information, applicant states he was employed as Directeur de Materiel, Air-France Co., Paris, France, from 1937 to 1940. Charge d'affaires, Soviet Government, Athens, Greece, from 1936 to 1937. President, Auto-Moto Export Corp., Moscow, Russia, from 1934 to 1935. Executive Vice-President, Machine-Tool Import Corp., Moscow, Russia, from 1932 to 1933.

It is also indicated that the applicant was educated in Russia and attended the General Staff College at Moscow from 1920 to 1923.

References concerning the captioned person in the Bureau's file have not been reviewed to date. In the event pertinent information is noted from such a review at a later date, appropriate offices will be advised. All offices, however, will be held strictly accountable for the inclusion of any pertinent information in the field office files in the reports of the current investigation.

This case must be assigned immediately to a mature, experienced and well-qualified agent and reports must be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than the deadline date. A very thorough and complete investigation must be conducted to develop the true facts pertaining to this applicant.

All offices will conduct neighborhood investigations in those localities where the applicant has been known to reside to determine the loyalty, character and reputation of the applicant. Determine reputation and standing in the community of immediate relatives through such sources as credit agencies, law enforcement agencies, informants, etc.

cc-Washington (special messenger)

Basmire, Alex

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. AUGUST 31, 1948 URGENT

AUGUST 31, 1948

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FBI, New York City OFFICIAL TELEGRAM

August 20, 1948

Director, FBI

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR - COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
Public Law 102, Both Congress
(Voice of America)

As indicated in my letter of August 11, 1948 this investigation is one
to be handled with thoroughness and dispatch.

At this time the Bureau has not received a report from your office.
Further delay can not be countenanced in this case. Your report must be
submitted within twenty four hours of the receipt of this letter.

cc-Boston (ALP)

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Washington Field (Special Messenger)

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1948

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Transmit the following message to:

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TO: B.M.I.S.

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Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Nease
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Mr. Egan
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Mr. Pennington
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Miss Gandy

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. REURTEL AUGUST THIRTY ONE INSTANT. NO
CREDIT BUREAU OR RECORDS AVAILABLE IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

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✓ WASHINGTON FROM BOSTON 5 3 1-07AM

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. REBUTEL SEPTEMBER ~~THIRTY~~ TWO. MAX EASTMAN
UPON RECONTACT, ADVISED HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO BUREAU-S FURNISHING HIS
THIRTYEIGHT PAGE PAPER TO STATE DEPT WITH UNDERSTANDING IT STILL BE
REGARDED AS CONFIDENTIAL BY STATE DEPT. REPORT OF SA HOMER E. WILBUR,
BOSTON, AUGUST THIRTYONE LAST., COMPLETE AS FURNISHED. RESIGNATION
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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. RE NYTEL TO NEW HAVEN AUGUST EIGHTEEN,
LAST. COL. TRUMAN SMITH, FAIRFIELD, CONN. MET APPLICANT THRU DE WITT
WALLACE, PRESIDENT OF READERS DIGEST, PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK. SMITH
STATES BARMINE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE FORTYSIX BY READERS DIGEST AS
THEIR RUSSIAN EXPERT AND ALSO ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS IN
FLA. WITH HIS EX WIFE. PAUL PALMER, READERS DIGEST, CAN FURNISH INFO
RE BARMINE-S EMPLOYMENT. BARMINE-S EX WIFE, MRS. MARIE BARMINE,
CAN BE CONTACTED IN NYC AT TEL. SCHUYLER FIVE DASH ONE FIVE FOUR RE
REAL ESTATE VENTURE IN FLA. HANDLE.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. RETEL FROM NYC AUGUST THIRTY LAST. ROBERT MORRIS PRESENTLY LOCATED FORTY EXCHANGE PLACE, NYC. HANDLE. RETEL FROM BU THIS DATE DUE TO MORRIS RETURN TO NYC, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED BY THIS OFFICE

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. RETEL FROM NEW YORK TO BOTXXX BOSTON AUGUST TWENTYFOUR AND BULET TO NEW YORK AUG. ELEVEN. MAX EASTMAN, EDITOR OF READERS DIGEST WITH WHOM APPLICANT COLLABORATED IN NINETEEN FORTYTHREE IN WRITING BOOK ENTITLED ONE WHO SURVIVED, RECOMMENDS APPLICANT AS ONE WHO WOULD BE UNUSUALLY WELL SUITED AND CAPABLE IN HANDLING ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH HE IS BEING CONSIDERED. EASTMAN RELUCTANT TO FURNISH COMPLETE DETAILS TO AGENT CONCERNING FINANCIAL DISPUTE BETSXXXX BETWEEN HIMSELF AND APPLICANT RELATIVE TO ROYALTIES FROM THE ABOVE BOOK INASMUCH AS HE HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED FULL NOTES CONCERNING THIS SITUATION WHICH HE IS HAVING TYPED UP WITHIN TEXXX THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, A COPY OF WHICH HE STATED HE WOULD GLADLY FURNISH TO AGENT. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, FULL REPORT WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL RECEIPT OF ABOVE STATEMENT FROM EASTMAN WHICH IS EXPECTEEXXX EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT THREE DAYS.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS, MIAMI AND NEW YORK URGENT

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA, VOA. REMYTEL AUGUST TWENTYSIX LAST.

MR. BURT GARNETT, ALEXANDRIA, VA., ADVISED THAT DR. FRANK S. BOWSER, JERRY TREVOR - FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK, MISS ILEEN WILLIAMS - OLD ISLAND REALTY COMPANY, MRS. JESSE PORTER NEWTON, AND COMMANDER LEE H. GODDARD - UNITED STREET, ALL KEY WEST FLORIDA, ARE CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH BARMINE. MR. GARNETT ALSO SAID THAT BARMINE WAS DIVORCED IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. BARMINE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN A WRITER FOR READERS DIGEST, NEW YORK CITY, APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY. MIAMI AND NEW YORK HANDLE. BUDED PAST.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. SEPTEMBER 2, 1948 URGENT

Transmit the following message to: SAC, BOSTON

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. RECONTACT MR. MAX EASTMAN AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE WOULD OBJECT TO BUREAU FURNISHING TO STATE DEPT. HIS THIRTYEIGHT PAGE PAPER CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH BARMINE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT WHILE BUREAU IN NO WAY INTENDS TO CIRCULATE THE DATA, THE INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE DEPT. ALSO SUTEL WHETHER REPT. SA HOMER E. WILBUR DATED AUG. THIRTYONE LAST ENDS WITH PAGE TWO.

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September 10, 1948

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. RE NEWARK TEL SEPTEMBER NINE, LAST. EXPEDITE.

SURVEY INCLUDING SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING MARRIAGE OF BARMINE
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EXPEDITE. SUREP INCLUDING SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING MARRIAGE
OF BARMINE SEPTEMBER EIGHT LAST.

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Transmit the following message to: AUGUST 31, 1948 URGENT

SAC, MIAMI

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, VOA. REBUTEL AND RICHMOND TEL TODAY. EXPEDITE
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION AND SUREP.

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, ALEXANDRE BARMINE, VOA. RENY REPORT AUG THIRTYONE LAST. THE SEPTEMBER FOUR, FORTYEIGHT ISSUE OF "SATURDAY EVENING POST" MAGAZINE CONTAINS ARTICLE WRITTEN BY APPLICANT ENTITLED "IN DEFENSE OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE." THIS ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE THE PRINCIPAL VICTIMS OF A DESPOTIC AND TERRORISTIC COMMUNIST REGIME AND THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MAKE THEM OUR ALLIES IN A POSSIBLE COMING WAR WITH THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WHICH ENSLAVES THEM. MAIN THEME IS THAT THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES COULD BE WON OVER AS ALLIES IF THE US PROMISED THEM LIBERATION FROM THEIR COMMUNIST ENSLAVEMENT. FOR INFO.

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FILE NO. 123-554

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 8-23-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-20-48	REPORT MADE BY G. B. NORRIS, SAC FEA:nch
TITLE ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS, (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: AGO records on ALEXANDER G. G. BARMINE, ASN 32-654737 reveal Army induction on 12-4-42 and honorable discharge on 3-22-43 as Pvt. Character and efficiency, unknown to excellent. No records of Courts Martial, AWOLs or derogatory information. Beneficiary listed as ALEXANDER BORIS, 19, somewhere in Russia.

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to St. Louis, dated 8-18-48.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

The following investigation was conducted by SE FRANK E. ALLISON:

A review of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, on ALEXANDER G. G. BARMINE, ASN 32-654737 reveals that he was inducted into the U. S. Army on December 4, 1942 and entered on active duty on December 11, 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey from SS LB# 20 at New York City, New York. He was honorably discharged on March 22, 1943 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts as a Private from the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 701st Coast Artillery to accept employment in essential industry, being over 38 years of age.

His civilian occupation was listed as Translator and his military occupation was not listed. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of Courts Martial, AWOLs or derogatory information. He listed his beneficiaries as MARY BARMINE, wife, 12 E. 48th St., New York City, New York and [redacted] somewhere in Russia. The service record indicated that he was born on August 16, 1899 at Mohiesoff, Russia.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/7/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE S/17, 23, 24 9/2, 3/48	REPORT MADE BY Clyne D. Nicoll
TITLE ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine	CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No investigation conducted by CSC.
No record in HCUA files. IIA and
files of T-1, **T-2** reflect no derogatory
information subsequent to applicant's
entry into U. S. State Department
records reflect applicant as secretary
of Russian Embassy in Athens, Greece,
received stolen official documents of
Greek government. No record in S & I,
State Department. Unable to locate
OSS employment record on file.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated August 11, 1948

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The files of the Investigations Division of the Civil Service Commission contained no record of an investigation by that agency of this applicant. However, these files reflect that the December 28, 1939, issue of the Chicago Tribune carried an article announcing that ALEXANDER BARMINE, "former Soviet envoy, now a foe of Stalin, to emmigrate to the U. S." The article states that BARMINE resigned in protest against Moscow purges and was leaving the Communist Party of which he had been a member for nineteen years.

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A search was conducted of the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and no record could be located for the applicant.

Information in the files of Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency, reflects that the applicant was employed with the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) as a Translator and Interruption of foreign broadcast; was formerly a high ranking officer in the Russian Red Army, and later became employed with the Russian Foreign Service in Greece but fell out with the present Russian government, and upon receiving instructions to return to Moscow, he fled to Paris where he was afforded French protection for three years, and an attempt was made to poison the applicant and his wife while in Paris.

BARMINE was reported to be a friend of WALTER LIPPMAN and believed to have done work for the U. S. government in Washington, D. C., on the CREBS case. At the time the information was being assembled during July of 1941, BARMINE revised a book which soon would be published covering his Russian experiences and which was formerly published in England.

In a personal interview conducted by a representative of this government agency, BARMINE stated that he was of the opinion that Stalin's reaction to any set course of action by the U. S. government against the American Communist Party would be decided entirely by considerations of advantage to his regime in Russia. Quoting BARMINE, "Stalin did not lift an eyebrow or utter a word of protest if the whole American Communist Party was dumped into the Pacific ocean to drown if he thereby secured material advantages and benefits for the USSR. For many years Turkey and Russia enjoyed the closest and most cordial foreign and trade relations despite the fact that Communism was banned in Turkey and Turkish Communists put to death on discovery." BARMINE termed it as "ridiculous bourgeois timidity" the idea that Stalin would take any exceptions to or protest the same strong-handed treatment by democracies against their own internal Communist problems; setting forth Stalin's complete indifference to Hitler's destruction of the German Communist Party in 1933, the strongest and largest Communist Party in the world and the keystone of the whole Comintern system."

A Personal History Statement dated January 28, 1943, appearing in the files of the Intelligence Division of the Army (IDA) reflects the following information: ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, Private, Serial Number 32654737, was born August 16, 1899, in Mohileff, Russia; arrived in New York City on January 8, 1940, aboard the SS De Gresse from La Haye, France. The following residences in the U. S. were listed: 49 West 39th Street, from August of 1940

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to December of 1941; 523 West 149th Street, from May of 1940 to August of 1940; 311 West 72nd Street, from March of 1940 to May of 1940, all residences of New York City; 46-138 233rd Street, Laurelton, Long Island, from January of 1940 to March of 1940. BARMINE also resided for a brief period in Key West, Florida and owned some property in that state, dates of which are not available. He previously resided in Paris, France, from July of 1937, to December of 1939 and in Athens, Greece, from December of 1935 to July of 1937. He was married to MARY PAVLIDES BARMINE on October 28, 1938, in Paris. The applicant's wife was born January 6, 1910, in Smyra, Turkey. A previous wife died in 1923 in Moscow. BARMINE has two sons, [redacted] both addresses unknown.

The files reflect the following employment for the applicant: "Air-France," Port Le Bourget, Paris, France, from December of 1937 to December of 1939; Salterini Iron Works, East 44th Street, New York City, from March to April of 1940; New York World Fair, Flushing, New York, from May to October of 1940, Distribution of Publicity Material; National Broadcasting Company, Bellmore, Long Island, from June of 1941 to May of 1942, and FBI, Office of Strategic Services, Bellmore, Long Island, from May to December of 1942.

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The files further reflect that he enlisted as a Private in the First Kien Guard's Regiment in March of 1919, graduated from Officers School in April of 1920, and was appointed temporary rank of Brigadier General in July of 1921. In January of 1929 he was sent to Paris, France, on a civil assignment as Director of Imports of Foreign Trade Delegation and Assistant Military resident. In March of 1931 he was transferred to Milano, Italy, for the same position, and in January of 1932 he was appointed General Trade Agent of the Soviet Embassy in Brussels, Belgium. In December of 1932 he was nominated for vice president of the Stanko-Import and in December of 1933 he was nominated for president of Auto-Moto-Export. In July of 1934 he resigned from the general staff and retired from the Russian Army. In October of 1935 he resigned as president of the Auto-Moto-Export. In December of 1935 he was made First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Athens, Greece, and was later promoted to Charge d'affaire and in July of 1937 he resigned from the services of the Soviet government.

BARMINE stated in the Personal History Statement that he was given a Communist Party card on the day of his enlistment in the army in 1919 and held the same until his resignation in 1937. The applicant claims obtaining knowledge of eleven languages including Russian, French, Polish, Italian, Greek and Bulgarian.

Information obtained by a person interview conducted by a representative of IDA on April 6, 1943, gave no clue as to the applicant's activities from the time he was in Paris in 1933 until 1937 at which time he said he had been in Greece as Chief of the Russian Mission in that country.

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Upon being ordered to return to Russia in 1937, BARMINE stated that he disobeyed that order feeling the purges that were sweeping the country at that time, he fled to Paris where allegedly an attempt was made on his life by the OGPU. Subsequently he stated to have left Paris sometime in 1940 and came to the U. S. where he was later employed by the National Broadcasting Company in the Monitor Foreign Broadcast Division. This division was later transferred to the Army and finally to the Office of Strategic Services, BARMINE retaining his position of translator.

According to the files the applicant is the author of a book published by the Putnam Company entitled, "One Who Survived." He also furnished articles on several occasions to various newspapers and magazines.

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(U) The files of Confidential Informant [REDACTED], another government agency, reflected an article appearing in the Time Magazine of August 5, 1945, concerning "One Who Survived," a book by ALEXANDER BARMINE. The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin for October 30, 1944, carried an editorial entitled, "More Communist Conspirators," by ALEXANDER BARMINE. This article also appeared in an October, 1944, issue of the Readers' Digest. According to the file the applicant has written articles for the American Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, and has done free lance writing for NBC. ~~(S-1)~~

An article by FREDERICK WOOLMAN, appearing in the Washington Daily News on October 5, 1944, entitled, "Government Fires Author of Red Conspiracy Story," reflects that BARMINE was fired from his position with the OSS on September 28, 1944, following the appearance of an article in the Readers' Digest in September 27, 1944, concerning the vast Communist conspiracies existing in the U. S. Articles also appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner of October 6, 1944, concerning BARMINE'S published articles and subsequent dismissal. An article on BARMINE appeared in the Washington Daily News of October 23, 1944, by WILLIAM HENRY CHAMBERLAIN, entitled, "U. S. Communist is still fifth-column author charges." b1

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The files of the Division of Records and Communications, State Department, reflect a dispatch from the Legation of the United States at Athens, Greece, dated March 17, 1938, concerning the case of one Miss ROLOCAMAKI, a stenographer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, who was charged and tried for furnishing copies of an official summary of dispatches from Greece's legations in foreign capitals, to her lover, one JOHN HORNY, a Finn. Both

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The files of the Security and Investigations Division, State Department, contained no record for the applicant.

Personnel Record Sections of the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, and the War Department were searched by no record of employment of ~~Emerson~~ in the Office of Strategic Services could be located.

The following letter dated June 16, 1946 at Pleasantville, NY was received by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Mr. Paul Polk, Senior Editor, the Readers Digest.

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Teletype to St. Louis dated August 23, 1948, requesting verification of military record and Office of Strategic Services employment.

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The files of the Security and Investigations Division, State Department, contained no record for the applicant.

Personnel Record Sections of the State Department, [redacted] b2
[redacted] and the War Department were searched but no record of employment of BARMINE in the Office of Strategic Services could be located.

The following letter dated June 16, 1948, at Pleasantville, New York, was received by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Mr. PAUL PALMER, Senior Editor, The Reader's Digest:

"This note, though it may seem to ask a favor for a friend of mine, really asks a favor for our country.

"My friend, Alexander Barmine, former General in the Red Army, Soviet government official, and author of the book ONE WHO SURVIVED, came to this country in 1939, as you know. When we entered the war, he enlisted in the Army as a private and was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer and an American citizen. The latter part of his service was with O.S.S., for which organization he monitored short-wave broadcasts to various European countries. In this last job he seems to have been in the midst of fellow-travelers and Communist Party members to whom his presence was a considerable embarrassment. On the occasion of his writing for The Reader's Digest an article about the Communist threat to America, they succeeded in having him dismissed.

"At the present time, Barmine has been asked by the Director to go to work for the State Department on The Voice of America. Inasmuch as Barmine is still 100% anti-Communist, it is possible that the same fellow-traveler opposition which he met with in the O.S.S. will attempt to interfere with his appointment.

"I understand that the F.B.I. made two loyalty checks on Barmine.

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during the war and that both showed him to be the first-rate American that he is. I write this note because another loyalty check will now be in order when his application for the State Department job goes through.

"I feel certain that Barmine would be just about the best man we could have in the Russian end of The Voice of America. He is as staunchly a good American as you or I, he knows the Soviet game from A to Z, he speaks and writes modern Soviet Russian (which most White Russians do not), and he is one of the most intelligent and best-informed men I know."

"I hope you don't mind my bringing this matter to your personal attention - but I feel it of great importance to our country that there be no chance of fellow-traveler sabotage of the great contribution Barmine can make to our government in the coming years."

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TITLE ALEXANDER G. BARMINE aka Alexander Gregory, Graff Barmine		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

Preliminary Report
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

OTTO CHARLES DOERING JR., former Executive Officer, OSS, advised Applicant dismissed in 1944 as a radio translator because of frequent prolonged absences from official position without prior authority and for sleeping during business hours. Press releases regarding Applicant's dismissal did not reflect true reasons therefor. Applicant personally unknown to DOERING who knew of nothing of a derogatory nature as to character, associates and Americanism of Applicant.

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REFERENCES:

Bulet dated August 11, 1948 to New York
New York teletype dated August 23, 1948 to Milwaukee

DETAILS:

At Park Falls, Wisconsin

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OTTO CHARLES DOERING JR., Attorney at Law, Fort Vill Road, telephone Scarsdale 198, Scarsdale, New York, was interviewed at his temporary residence c/o OTTO CHARLES DOERING SR., telephone 1-E-2, Shady Knoll Road, RFD, concerning Applicant. Mr. DOERING was formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the Office of Strategic Services and in such capacity was Executive Officer to the Director. In his official position, he handled certain administrative matters such as the dismissal of employees where employees were opposed to the dismissal or took action resulting from administrative decisions.

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As a result of his official duties during the latter part of 1944, Applicant's dismissal case was brought to his official attention. He reviewed the case thoroughly and found that Applicant, a translator in the Radio Section of OSS, stationed at the OSS New York operations, had been dismissed because of frequent extended absences from his official position without prior authority, sleeping habitually while at his desk and on official duty and for other irregularities of a purely personal nature. Mr. DOERING informed he found the facts of the dismissal to be true and he, thereupon, approved the dismissal.

Mr. DOERING advised that at that time Applicant was writing a book "exposing Red Russia" and Applicant unofficially advised friends, whose identities are unknown to Mr. DOERING, that his physical exhaustion was due to his literary efforts. Mr. DOERING explained that the translation work was on a day to day report basis and, therefore, unscheduled and unapproved absences interfered extensively with the radio translation work. Mr. DOERING advised that following the Applicant's dismissal, considerable unfavorable newspaper publicity was given the OSS organization in which it was made to appear by some that the Applicant had been dismissed because of his anti-Communist writings on a national scale. To offset this unfavorable OSS publicity, Mr. DOERING officially made a press announcement regarding Applicant's dismissal to the effect that the dismissal had no connection whatsoever with the Applicant's writing. Mr. DOERING advised that finally the matter appeared to have died the usual newspaper death as OSS did not wish to expose the real reasons for the dismissal and in doing so "blackball" the Applicant who otherwise was apparently well qualified for the position held.

Mr. DOERING advised there was nothing of a further derogatory nature against the Applicant and he considered him reliable, trustworthy, and definitely pro-American in principles and facts.

Mr. DOERING has no recollection of having met the Applicant personally; however, following DOERING's return to civilian employment, he received a request through a mutual friend of himself and Applicant in which the Applicant advised that he had some Communist information in which DOERING would probably be interested. DOERING does not recall the identity of the intermediary but orally advised that individual that he was no longer the proper person to be advised of such information and that Applicant was at liberty to refer personally to any agency he might desire. Mr. DOERING considered this attempt rightly and of a self-serving character and, therefore, did not consider it seriously. DOERING is willing to appear as a witness before any Federal board and testify under oath to the above facts, but suggested that if the Applicant is personally interested in any hearing, Applicant might be forewarned of his, DOERING's, expected testimony under oath since the Applicant, in DOERING's opinion, apparently is not informed as to the real reason for his dismissal from the OSS organization.

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, VOA. REBULET TO NY DATED AUGUST ELEVEN LAST. APPLICANT BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, NINTYNINE, MOHILEFF, RUSSIA. ASN THREE TWO SIX FIVE FOUR SEVEN THREE SEVEN FROM DECEMBER FOUR FORTY TWO TO MARCH TWENTYTWO, FORTYTHREE. ALSO EMPLOYED AS RADIO TRANSLATION EDITOR, OSS, NEW YORK CITY NINETEEN FORTYTHREE TO FORTYFOUR. VERIFY ARMY SERVICE. NO RECORD NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON OF OSS EMPLOYMENT, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY. BUDED AUGUST TWENTYFOUR.

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NEW HAVEN, CONN.	8-20-48	8-20-48	JAMES M. TENNANT
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine		SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402-80th Congress SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

ADD. DISSEMINATION:

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Col. TRUMAN SMITH, Fairfield, Conn., has known applicant since 1945 and found him to be of excellent character, reputation, ^{Col. SMITH STATES} ~~viciously anti-~~ Communist and loyalty to U.S. ~~unquestionable~~. SMITH states reason for applicant's divorce was ~~the~~ fact wife was more successful in business than he, earned a larger income and supported family to great extent. BARMINE engaged to [redacted]

*Corrected by [redacted]
is a copy of [redacted]
letter dated [redacted]*
[redacted] SMITH advised applicant has been employed by Reader's Digest since 1946 and engaged in real estate venture in Fla. with first wife.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York to New Haven dated August 18, 1948.
Teletype from New Haven to New York dated August 20, 1948.

DETAILS:

AT FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Col. TRUMAN SMITH, Hillside Avenue, advised he first met applicant in 1945 through DE WITT WALLACE, President of Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, New York. Colonel SMITH stated he has found applicant to be of excellent character and reputation, viciously anti-Communist and of unquestionable loyalty to the U.S. Colonel SMITH further advised that he, SMITH, was associated with G-2 and would not hesitate to employ the applicant in

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Colonel SMITH continued that applicant was formerly attached to the Russian Embassy in Athens, Greece as counselor of the embassy and chargé d'affairs. BARMINE broke away from the Russian Government in 1938 or 1939, after he married a Greek girl who came from a very fine family, and in view of the fact that many of his friends attached to the Russian diplomatic service, who had helped him rise rapidly in this service, were executed in the purge of 1938. Colonel SMITH stated that applicant wrote a book "One Who Survived" and the foreword to this book was written by MAX EASTMAN, of New York City. Col. SMITH advised that applicant obtained a divorce from his wife MARIE in Florida in the early part of 1948, in view of the fact that his wife was more successful in business, earned a larger income, and contributed largely to the support of the family, which caused him to become very depressed. Colonel SMITH stated that the applicant is presently engaged to [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that the Roosevelt family is greatly disturbed over this engagement in view of the vast difference in ages of the applicant and Miss Roosevelt.

Colonel SMITH further advised that since 1946 applicant has been employed by the Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, NY as their Russian expert and was also engaged in a real estate venture with his first wife, MARIE, in Key West, Florida. Colonel SMITH reiterated that applicant is strongly anti-Communist, is an excellent judge of Russia and would be of great value to the United States in Russian affairs. He would recommend BARMINE for a position with the U.S. Government.

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REPORT MADE AT RICHMOND	DATE WHEN MADE 9/1/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/30, 31/48	REPORT MADE BY WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB MEW
TITLE <u>ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. BURT GARNETT, Alexandria, Va., advised that he has been an acquaintance of ALEXANDER BARMINE for some time in Key West, Florida. Mr. GARNETT related that Mr. BARMINE was born in Russia, became a Brigadier General in Russian Army at youthful age, and was appointed Military Attaché to Russian Embassy in Greece where he broke with Russian Government and fled Greece when he was recalled to Moscow for "certain punishment." BARMINE is reported as violently anti-communist and has written books expressing his views. He was critical of U. S. dealing with Russia during last war. Parents, brothers, sisters and former wife still in Russia. Mr. GARNETT said that he does not recommend BARMINE for position with VOA as BARMINE is not as completely loyal to U. S. as person who has been born and reared in U. S. No disloyal statements or disloyal acts. Mr. GARNETT described BARMINE as rude, tactless, frustrated person.

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REFERENCE: ADD. DISSEMINATION Miami teletype to Richmond dated August 26, 1948.

DETAILS:

Mr. BURT GARNETT, 5 Vernon Terrace, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he has been acquainted with ALEXANDER C. BARMINE, whom he knew as ALEX, for some time. Mr. GARNETT said that he does not recall whether he met Mr. BARMINE in 1941 or sometime after the last war. Mr. GARNETT explained that his acquaintance with Mr. BARMINE was that of a person living in the small city of Key West, Florida, where many of the residents knew each other by frequent visits to the same beaches, the same cocktail parties, and the same places of entertainment. He

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added that he was not an intimate friend of Mr. BARMINE.

Mr. GARNETT stated that from his knowledge concerning Mr. BARMINE, that he was born in Russia, schooled there, entered the Russian Army at an early age and rose rapidly through the ranks of the army to become a Brigadier General at a more or less youthful age. Subsequently, Mr. BARMINE was made the Russian Military Attaché to the Russian Embassy in Greece, as Mr. GARNETT recalls. Mr. GARNETT went on to say that he believes that it was in Greece that Mr. BARMINE married a Greek, from whom he was divorced in 1947. According to Mr. GARNETT, Mr. BARMINE, while in Greece, broke with the Russian Government and fled that country when he was recalled to Moscow for what Mr. BARMINE described as "certain punishment."

This acquaintance advised that Mr. BARMINE is violently anti-Communist and has written a book several years ago stating his views on Communism. Mr. GARNETT does not recall the name of the book. Mr. GARNETT further said that during the last war Mr. BARMINE was severely critical of the United States dealing with Russia in any manner as Mr. BARMINE was of the opinion that the Russian Government and the Russian people are absolutely no good. Mr. GARNETT iterated that it is opinion that Mr. BARMINE's parents, brothers, sisters, a former wife and children are still living in Russia.

Mr. GARNETT commented that though Mr. BARMINE is entirely anti-Russian in attitude and statements, there is some doubt that he has the complete loyalty to the United States as has a person who has been born and reared in the United States. Mr. GARNETT stated that though Mr. BARMINE believes that the capitalistic economic system is the best economic system and that the United States is a wonderful place in which to live, Mr. BARMINE is not above leaving the United States and becoming a citizen of a foreign country if the right financial opportunity presented itself. Mr. GARNETT said that he has not heard Mr. BARMINE utter any disloyal statements or commit any disloyal act, but that he would not recommend him for a position with the Voice of America, particularly in a policy forming position, as the man is rude and tactless and somewhat frustrated. According to Mr. GARNETT, Mr. BARMINE's frustration may have come about by his thoughts that his book on his views of Communism was not a success. However, Mr. GARNETT advised that Mr. BARMINE is fluent in the Russian and French Languages and his services might be utilized in translation, but that he should be under close supervision, as his resentment against the Russian Government and Russian people might influence his work.

Mr. GARNETT stated that he has never heard of Mr. BARMINE engaging in any dishonest activities. He added that when Mr. BARMINE was divorced from his wife in Key West, the acquaintances of the BARMINES were under the impression that Mr. BARMINE precipitated the divorce and as a consequence the acquaintances were sympathetic toward Mrs. BARMINE. Mr. GARNETT said that he thinks the divorce was based on the grounds of desertion. Mr. GARNETT added that he has heard that Mr. BARMINE has again married. He does not know the identity of the woman.

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Mr. GARNETT mentioned that in the past Mr. BARMINE has been employed as a writer for the Reader's Digest in New York City. He does not recall in what year exactly but he thinks that it has been since 1940.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA	8/27/48	8/24, 25/48	RICHARD A. PAYNE
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALEXANDER G. BARMINE Aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine		SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Acquaintances and neighbors in Key West, Florida, interviewed; nothing derogatory. Criminal check reflects no record.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype to Miami August 20, 1948. Miami teletype to New York and Richmond, August 26, 1948.

DETAILS:

AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Miami T-1 advised that he has known Mr. BARMINE since he first came to Key West sometime in 1940, and that he has always found him to be trustworthy, reliable, honest, and very loyal. He stated that Mr. BARMINE is extremely anti-communistic and has on many occasions given him valuable information and assistance in security matters. He stated that he has never heard of any derogatory or disloyal information regarding him.

GEORGE MILLS WHITE, Key West Housing Authority; FRANK BOWSER, M. D., 420 Simonton Street; JOHN D. HAYES, D.D.S. 618½ Fleming Street; EILEEN WILLIAMS, Old Island Realty Company; GORDON LEWIS, Writer, 623 Margaret Street; Mrs. R. C. GOULETTE, 1106 Fleming Street; Mrs. JAMES E. TANNER, 525 Grinnell Street, all advised that

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they had met Mr. BARMINE on numerous occasions at local social events and around his home, and that they had never heard of any derogatory or disloyal information concerning him. They advised that he was well-liked, seemed to be of fine character, intelligent, reliable and extremely pro-American.

A review of the records of the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, reflects that ALEXANDER G. BARMINE sued his wife MARIE PALVIDES BARMINE for a divorce in July 1948, charging her with extreme mental cruelty and incompatibility. The final decree was granted in favor of BARMINE, July 25, 1948. A review of this file reflected no derogatory information regarding Mr. BARMINE.

A check of the records of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Key-West Police Department revealed no criminal record for him.

*There is no Credit Bureau at Key
West, Florida.*

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TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine		SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: AGO records on ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, Civilian Personnel Records Branch, negative.

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REFERENCE: Washington Field teletype dated August 23, 1948

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Employee EDWARD W. ELLIS:

A thorough search was conducted by personnel of the Civilian Personnel Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, St. Louis, in an effort to locate a civilian employment record for ALEXANDER G. BARMINE and no record was found.

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TITLE <u>ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine, Alexander Barmine</u>	CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402 - 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBERT MORRIS, attorney, 40 Exchange Place, NYC, advises ALEXANDER G. BARMINE is person of good character, loyalty and reputation and that he has known him intimately since 1941. Newspaper account of BARMINE'S marriage to EDITH KERMIT ROOSEVELT set out.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letter to New York, 8/11/48.
Report of SA WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, 8/31/48, New York.
Newark teletype to New York, 9/9/48.

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DETAILS:

Mr. ROBERT MORRIS, attorney, 40 Exchange Place, New York City, advised that in 1941 he had been District Intelligence Officer in New York City for the Office of Naval Intelligence. He stated that he had met ALEXANDER G. BARMINE through Mr. MAX EASTMAN in that year and has known him intimately since that date.

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Mr. MORRIS said that Mr. BARMINE had furnished the Office of Naval Intelligence with valuable information on numerous occasions during the war. He said that when the Office of Naval Intelligence was forced to discontinue its Communist Desk during the war, BARMINE had written an article protesting the discontinuance in the "Readers Digest" and two days later had been

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discharged from his position with the Office of Strategic Services. MORRIS said that he believed this was the reason for BARMINE'S dismissal despite the denial issued by the Office of Strategic Services.

MORRIS said that he has always found BARMINE to be a loyal American, devoted to the American way of life. He said that he was certain that BARMINE had not only broken with the Soviet Government in 1937, but that he had broken entirely with Socialist philosophy and was today a firm believer in the capitalist system. He said that BARMINE was a person of fine character and reputation and that he respected BARMINE highly.

Mr. MORRIS said he is well acquainted with BARMINE'S former wife, MARI, and said she is of fine character and reputation and a loyal American.

MORRIS said that BARMINE fell out of love with his wife and they had mutually agreed to a divorce action which BARMINE brought against his wife at Key West, Florida. Mr. MORRIS did not handle the divorce action. He had counselled Mrs. BARMINE to bring the action against her husband since this was the usual procedure, but she had refused to do so and consequently BARMINE became the plaintiff in an action based on mental cruelty. The divorce became final in July, 1948.

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MORRIS said that BARMINE had married [redacted] during the past week and that they intended to live at [redacted] New York City address, 1307 Sixth Avenue, New York City. BARMINE had telephonically informed him that the newspaper accounts stating that they were to live at Northport, Long Island, were erroneous.

MORRIS stated that since BARMINE had left the employ of the "Readers Digest" in 1946, he has devoted himself to handling his real estate holdings at Key West, Florida and Northport, Long Island. He has had no other employment except for various articles written for magazines, which have all been of an anti-Communist nature.

The "New York Sun" of September 7, 1948, carried pictures of BARMINE and Miss EDITH KERMIT ROOSEVELT with a news-story stating that they had obtained a marriage license at the Municipal Building to be married on September 8, 1948. Miss ROOSEVELT gave her address as 1307 Avenue of the Americas and BARMINE stated his address as 46 King Street, New York City. The story described Miss ROOSEVELT as the daughter of ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT and the former GRACE S. LOCKWOOD, and stated that BARMINE, the author of the book "One Who Survived", came to the United States in 1940 after fleeing his post as Russian Charge D'Affaires at Athens, instead of obeying an order to return to Moscow. He had held a number of diplomatic positions for his country, serving at home and abroad with the Foreign Trade Office and had been a brigadier-general in the Red Army.

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The newspaper account stated that BARMINE became an American citizen after serving in the U. S. Army five months as a private. Before and after his Army service, he was employed by the Office of Strategic Services. When he was dismissed from the Office of Strategic Services in 1944, he charged that the reason was an anti-Communist magazine story, which he had written. This the Office of Strategic Services denied. Twice married previously, he filed suit for divorce from his second wife, "MARIE PAVLIDES BARMINE".

The "New York Sun" on September 8, 1948, carried a story which stated that EDITH KERMIT ROOSEVELT, 20, and ALEXANDER BARMINE, 49, were married in Northport, Long Island, on that date. The ceremony was performed by Surrogate RICHARD HAWKINS of Suffolk County. Mr. ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT issued an announcement that the wedding was kept private because of the illness of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, widow of former President THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Following the ceremony the couple were reported to have repaired to BARMINE'S home on Long Island Sound, three miles east of Northport, Long Island, New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR

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DATE: August 31, 1948

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
also known as Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine
VOA

There is enclosed herewith the report of Special Agent HOMER E. WILBUR dated August 31, 1948, at Boston, Massachusetts, in the above-captioned case. In addition to the report, there is also enclosed a thirty-eight page manuscript bearing the signature of MAX EASTMAN wherein he sets forth the complete story of his association with the Applicant, ALEXANDER BARMINE, particularly with reference to the dispute between them in connection with the division of royalties from the book, "One Who Survived," on which both collaborated with the mutual agreement that all royalties received were to be equally divided.

In view of the late receipt of the enclosed manuscript and its length, no copies have been prepared by the Boston Office and it is being enclosed herewith.

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TITLE ALEXANDER G. BARMINE also known as Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY- STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MAX EASTMAN, Roving Editor, Reader's Digest, states Applicant and he had made agreements for equally sharing royalties from book entitled "One Who Survived," and that Applicant has defrauded him of his share to the extent of about \$4,000, refusing to pay same on basis of false counter-claims, accusing EASTMAN of having "picked his (Applicant's) brains for articles in The Reader's Digest" without adequate payment. EASTMAN states that in spite of above defraud, he considers Applicant possesses a political intelligence of a very high order and that he knows of no other man in the United States, excepting VLADIMIR PETROF of Yale University, who would be more useful or more capable for the position which Applicant is being considered. In EASTMAN'S opinion, Applicant is loyal to the United States but does possess grandiose delusions of his own self-importance to the extent of not being perfectly sane.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York to Boston dated 8/24/48.
Teletype from Boston to Bureau dated 8/26/48.

DETAILS:

MAX EASTMAN, Roving Editor, The Reader's Digest, currently summering at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, advised on August 26, 1948, that he has known the Applicant since 1938 and that they had become very close associates and friends. Applicant, he stated, possesses a political intelligence of a very high order and other than VLADIMIR PETROF of Yale University, he knows of no other man in the

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United States who is more capable and who could be more useful than the Applicant in the position for which he is presently being considered. Applicant is capable of original ideas in the field of political philosophy, particularly as it effects Russia and the United States, and is meticulously careful concerning his facts. In EASTMAN'S opinion, the Applicant is unquestionably loyal to the United States and is definitely anti-Communist. EASTMAN pointed out that, as a result of his continued association with the Applicant, he considers him slightly warped and not perfectly sane in that he possesses grandiose delusions of his own self-importance. That, EASTMAN indicated, was probably a factor in the dispute between the Applicant and himself concerning the division of royalties from the book, "One Who Survived," on which the Applicant and he collaborated.

EASTMAN indicated a reluctance at furnishing an off-hand account of the details surrounding this dispute, stating that he had recently completed a compilation of all the facts and circumstances surrounding his relationship with the Applicant, and with particular reference to the above-mentioned dispute. EASTMAN said that he would furnish a copy of this manuscript and, on August 30, 1948, he did. This manuscript consists of thirty-eight typewritten pages and is being furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure by separate letter.

In substance, the above-mentioned manuscript relates how ALEXANDER BARMINE, with the connivance of his wife, MARI BARMINE, defrauded EASTMAN of approximately \$4,000 in royalties due EASTMAN in connection with the publishing and sale of the book, "One Who Survived," on which BARMINE and EASTMAN collaborated. BARMINE did not deny owing EASTMAN the sum in question but "pretended" that he had counter-claims which justified his refusing to pay the royalties. BARMINE'S counter-claims were, according to EASTMAN, that he, EASTMAN, had "picked his (BARMINE'S) brains for articles in The Reader's Digest" without adequate payment and that by misrepresenting him to the editor, DeWITT WALLACE, EASTMAN had prevented BARMINE'S own advancement on the magazine. BARMINE, according to EASTMAN, went so far as to say that he had gotten EASTMAN his job with The Reader's Digest and had received no compensation for it.

It is to be noted that the above-mentioned manuscript is labeled "Strictly Confidential."

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TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, also known as Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine, Alexandre Barmine		SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402 - 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BARMINE nat SDNY. Born [REDACTED] 7/15/43 at U.S. District Court, Mohileff, Russia. References PAUL PAINE J. WHITE both editors of "Reader's Digest" ar [REDACTED] W. HOWARD, Pres., Scirpps-Howard newspapers, favorable to BARMINE. Reference H. V. KALTEBORN presently in Europe. Reference ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT advised BARMINE entirely loyal to U.S. and of good character but highly emotional. ROOSEVELT states BARMINE has divorced his wife and is now trying to marry his daughter, to which ROOSEVELT objects because of BARMINE'S age. [REDACTED] highly favorable to BARMINE and advises she is considering marrying BARMINE in September, 1948. BARMINE'S former wife, MARI BARMINE, advises ALEXANDER BARMINE secured divorce against her in Florida on ground of incompatability by consent. She advised BARMINE entirely loyal to U.S. and anti-Communistic as well as trustworthy but is emotional and devoted to his own interests above all else. Air France Co., NYC, has no record of BARMINE'S Paris employment. John B. Salterini Co., NYC, has no record of BARMINE'S employment. BARMINE employed 6/21/40 to 10/31/40 as Porter at the N.Y. World's Fair. BARMINE employed National Broadcasting Co. for 2 weeks in April, 1942. Former Personnel Director ASHTON DUNN, favorable. Reports of employment at OSS located at Washington, D.C. BARMINE employed entire year 1945 as writer by "Reader's Digest" and previously and subsequently on piece basis. BARMINE wrote book published in 1944 by G. P. Putnam's entitled "One who Survived", reported to be anti-Communist. BARMINE also wrote magazine

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articles for "Reader's Digest", "Aviation" and "Harper's" as well as newspaper articles, all anti-Soviet. HERBERT SOLOW, Editor, "Fortune" magazine, states BARMINE has good character and is loyal citizen but does not like BARMINE personally. ISAAC DON LEVINE, Editor, "Plain Talk" magazine advised BARMINE entirely loyal to U.S. but questioned his trustworthiness since he had been informed by MAX EASTMAN that BARMINE had refused to pay EASTMAN his share of the proceeds of the book written by BARMINE and EASTMAN, entitled "One Who Survived". EUGENE LYONS, Editor of "Plain Talk" favorable to BARMINE. Neighborhood investigations made at 46-138-233rd St., Laurelton, N.Y., 523 West 149th St., 49 West 39th St., 12 East 48th St., 670 West End Ave., and 46 King Street, all NYC. Nothing unfavorable reported concerning BARMINE or his wife. Credit and criminal records checked on BARMINE and MARI BARMINE with no derogatory information obtained.

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New York teletype to Newark, 8/30/48.

DETAILS:

The title of this case has been changed to reflect additional names by which BARMINE has been known. The naturalization record, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, reflects his name as ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE. Investigation further disclosed BARMINE had written articles for the North American Newspaper Alliance while residing in Paris, France under name ALEXANDRE BARMINE.

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The records of the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, reflected that ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE resided at 12 East 48th Street, New York City, was born August 16, 1899, at Mohileff, Russia. He arrived in the United States at New York City on January 8, 1940 on the SS De Grasse. His wife's name was given as MARY and he had two children, names not given. He served in the United States Army, December 4, 1942 to March 22, 1943, Army Serial Number 3265473.

A petition, number 456895, was filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and BARMINE was naturalized July 15, 1943. The witnesses listed were SUZANNE LA FOLLETTE, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City and EUGENE LYONS, 62 East 91st Street, New York City.

References

Reference Mr. PAUL PALMER, Senior Editor, "Reader's Digest", Pleasantville, New York, advised that he had met BARMINE in 1940 in Washington, D.C. while he was Washington Editor of the "Reader's Digest" and contacted him relative to his stories for "Reader's Digest". He stated that since that time he has been close to BARMINE and his former wife, MARY, or MARY BARMINE, and considers both BARMINE and his former wife, MARY BARMINE to be entirely loyal to the United States, reliable and trustworthy and sincerely anti-Communist. He stated that BARMINE had a vast knowledge of Russian life and Russian people due to his former role as a member of the Communist Party in Russia and an official of the Russian Government as Charge D'Affaires at Athens, Greece.

PALMER stated that he knew that when BARMINE had been Charge D'Affaires for the Soviet Government in Athens he had been recalled to Moscow at the time of the Soviet spy trials and purges and BARMINE had refused to return to Moscow and had broken with the Soviet Government. PALMER stated that BARMINE had been, before his break with the Soviets, a general in the Red Army and had attended the Russian Military School from which he had graduated.

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PALMER said that since 1946 BARMINE had been engaged in buying and selling real estate in Long Island and Key West, Florida but that he did not know the locations of the properties involved. He advised that BARMINE had been employed for the entire year of 1945 by the "Reader's Digest" and previous to that year and subsequent thereto as a consultant on a piece basis so that the "Reader's Digest" might have his advice or approval on matters Russian.

Reference WILLIAM L. WHITE, Editor, "Reader's Digest", was interviewed at 160 East 66th Street, New York City. Mr. WHITE advised that he himself had been the author of the book entitled "Report on the Russians", published in 1945, which had described his impressions of life in the Soviet Union after a short trip he had made to that country and for which he had been severely castigated by the Communists and the "Daily Worker". He advised that his home had been picketed by members of the Communist Party.

Mr. WHITE advised that he had met ALEXANDER BARMINE in 1940 through Mr. MAX EASTMAN, Editor of "Reader's Digest". He also advised that Mr. BARMINE had given him assistance in the writing of his own book, "Report on the Russians". He stated that he believed ALEXANDER BARMINE to be entirely loyal to the United States and to our democratic way of life and advised that when BARMINE had broken with the Soviet Government he had broken completely, dissatisfied with the Communist system and with the Stalin Regime in Moscow.

He advised that he believed BARMINE to be entirely reliable and trustworthy and a person of integrity. He also advised that he thought so highly of BARMINE and his knowledge and ability that he had recommended Mr. BARMINE a few months ago for employment with the State Department.

Mr. WHITE advised that BARMINE had informed him that he had at one time been an officer in the Red Army and had subsequently been appointed Vice Consul to Persia and later was Vice Minister in the Soviet Legation in Athens, Greece. He advised that when the Soviet Minister was recalled to Moscow from Athens and subsequently executed, BARMINE realized that his turn came next and when his recall arrived he had sent a telegram informing Moscow that he was going on a vacation and fled from Athens to Paris.

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Mr. WHITE stated that BARMINE had subsequently married a Greek girl with whom he had become acquainted in Athens. Mr. WHITE advised that he had met BARMINE'S wife on numerous occasions in New York City and considered her to be a person of fine character and unquestioned loyalty to the United States. He advised, however, that within the past few months BARMINE had secured a divorce from his wife, on the grounds of incompatibility to which his wife had consented, through a Florida court. He stated that since BARMINE had not been steadily employed since 1946, at which time he had resigned from "Reader's Digest", he had become rather difficult to get along with and as a result differences of agreement had ensued between BARMINE and his wife. He advised that he knew that BARMINE and his wife still saw each other and were on friendly terms and it was his opinion that they would become reconciled.

Mr. WHITE advised that as an example of BARMINE'S integrity he had resigned from his \$600.00 a month position at the "Reader's Digest" in early 1946 on the grounds that the "Reader's Digest" was not calling upon him to do enough work and for this he had aroused the admiration of the editorial staff of "Reader's Digest".

Mr. WHITE stated that he knew that BARMINE had entered the United States about 1938 and that he had worked for a short time as a laborer in some factory and had at subsequent times secured employment with the National Broadcasting Company as a Radio Translator. He stated that BARMINE had then been employed by the Office of Strategic Service at Bellmore, Long Island. He stated that BARMINE had also served for a brief time in the United States Army during his employment with the Office of Strategic Service.

He stated that in this connection, during the time BARMINE was employed by the Office of Strategic Service, he had written an article in the "Reader's Digest", entitled "The New Communist Conspiracy" and he believed that BARMINE had been discharged from the Office of Strategic Service because this article contained statements that Communists were attempting to infiltrate the United States Government and that there were Communists in government service. He said that as a result of this article and BARMINE'S subsequent discharge, he was hired as a staff member of the "Reader's Digest".

Mr. WHITE advised that he knew that BARMINE was a friend of PAUL PALMER and ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT and one Colonel TRUMAN SMITH, formerly of the Military Intelligence Division, who used to call him to Washington, D.C. for consultation. He advised that BARMINE was also a friend of EUGENE LYONS, Editor of "Reader's Digest" and former Editor of "American Mercury", who is an ardent anti-Communist.

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He advised also that BARMINE had written his book, "One Who Survived", which he characterized as a powerful indictment of the Russian-Communist system, with the collaboration of MAX EASTMAN, characterized by Mr. WHITE as a severe anti-Communist and Socialist of many years standing.

Reference Mr. ROY W. HOWARD, President, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, advised that he had known BARMINE for about five or six years and that BARMINE had written a few articles in the "World Telegram" of an anti-Communist nature, four or five years ago. He advised that BARMINE was one of a group consisting of EUGENE LYONS, ISAAC DON LEVINE and MAX EASTMAN whom he stated had many years ago been favorable to Communism but had been ardent, vigorous, anti-Communists of many years standing.

He stated that he knew BARMINE had been a Red Army officer in Russia and had attended officer's school in Russia during the Russian Civil War and that he had thereafter entered the Soviet diplomatic service and had been stationed at the Soviet Legation in Greece. He stated that BARMINE had married a Greek girl and had, before his marriage, broken with the Soviet Government and fled from Greece during the period of the Russian spy trials since he knew that he would also be executed.

Mr. HOWARD stated that BARMINE appeared to be entirely loyal to the United States and outspokenly anti-Communist and a person of good character, but advised that he was not well enough acquainted with BARMINE to vouch for him. Mr. HOWARD advised that except for BARMINE'S book, "One Who Survived", which was a story of his experiences in Russia and his break with the Soviet Government and was anti-Communist in theme, he knew of no other employment that BARMINE had engaged in other than that he had been connected with some textile firm.

Mr. HOWARD advised that he had met BARMINE'S wife but did not know her. He advised that EUGENE LYONS, Editor of "Reader's Digest", knew BARMINE well and had given him help in the writing of his book. Mr. HOWARD stated that EUGENE LYONS had in his youth been extremely favorable to Communism but had been sent to Moscow by the United Press in 1928 and after remaining there a few years had returned to the United States embittered toward the Soviet Union and disillusioned with Communism and had for about the past fifteen years been strongly and ardently anti-Communist. He also advised that BARMINE knew that MAX EASTMAN had originally been a Communist but for at least the past twenty years has been an ardent anti-Communist and a bitter opponent of the Stalin Regime.

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Mr. EUGENE LYONS, Editor of "Reader's Digest" and former Editor of "American Mercury", and writer of the books "Assignment in Utopia" and "The Red Decade", was interviewed and advised that he had known BARMINE since 1939 and strongly commended the character, reputation and loyalty of Mr. BARMINE. He stated that his acquaintanceship with BARMINE was of long-standing and of an intimate nature. He said that he had never been associated in any business enterprise with ALEXANDER BARMINE.

LYONS advised that BARMINE was securing a divorce from his wife, MARI, because of personal difficulties. He said that MARI BARMINE was an architect by profession and since her arrival in this country with her husband had secured lucrative employment as a textile designer by Bergdorf-Goodman and other large dress stores, and as a result of her employment has been the main financial support of her husband, and Mr. LYONS believed that this caused the ill-feeling which had resulted in the recent divorce proceedings.

LYONS advised that BARMINE had a summer home at Fort Salonga, Northport, New York and that he believed that BARMINE had bought this home as a matter of investment rather than residence. He further advised that since BARMINE had left the "Reader's Digest" in 1946 he had principally supported himself by writing and dabbling in real estate matters and these activities had been supplemented by financial assistance from his wife.

Mr. LYONS was unable to give any further details in regard to BARMINE'S real estate practices. LYONS said that he remembered that BARMINE had been employed by the Office of Strategic Service as an editor from about 1943 to 1944 and from 1944 to 1946 he had been employed by the "Reader's Digest" as an editor. He believed that BARMINE had been subsequently employed as a translation editor for the National Broadcasting Company, New York City.

Miss DOROTHY HEAD, residence 167 East 64th Street, New York City, the home of reference Mr. H. V. KALTENBORN, radio commentator, advised that Mr. KALTENBORN is in Europe and would not return to the United States until after September 2, 1948.

Reference Mr. ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT, Investment Broker, 40 Wall Street, New York City, advised that he had been introduced to ALEXANDER G. BARMINE in 1946 at the Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C. by Colonel TRUMAN SMITH of the Military Intelligence Division and that BARMINE at that time was writing a book called "One Who Survived" and was also working for "Reader's Digest".

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Mr. ROOSEVELT advised that his acquaintanceship with Mr. BARMINE and his wife was entirely social and that in the summer of 1946 the BARMINES had rented the rooms above Mr. ROOSEVELT'S garage at Turkey Lane, Cold Spring Harbor, New York and that they had therefore become well acquainted.

Mr. ROOSEVELT stated that he believed BARMINE to be wholeheartedly and entirely loyal to the United States and the American way of life and that he was strongly anti-Communist in his speech and in his writings. He stated also that he considered BARMINE to be entirely honest, reliable and trustworthy and of good character and that BARMINE'S only defect was a tendency to over-emotionalism. He advised that BARMINE had recently divorced his wife in Florida and that he believed that Mrs. BARMINE had consented to the divorce since they had been unable to get along together.

Mr. ROOSEVELT also advised that BARMINE was hoping to marry his daughter, [redacted] and that he was opposed to this marriage on the ground that BARMINE was about 49 years of age and his daughter [redacted] years of age. He advised, however, that he was unable to convince his daughter of the impracticability of such a marriage and believed that she intended to go through with this marriage. He stated that as a result of BARMINE'S emotionalism his daughter had also become over-emotional.

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Mr. ROOSEVELT stated that they did not know the details of BARMINE'S divorce from his wife but believed that this divorce had been secured through the consent of Mrs. BARMINE since the parties thereto had agreed that they were better separated and that there was no other reason for the divorce to his knowledge. Mr. ROOSEVELT stated that in regard to BARMINE'S past life, he had been informed by BARMINE of the facts which were contained in his book to the effect that BARMINE had been born in Russia, had been a Red Army officer and Soviet diplomat and had broken with the Soviet while attached to the Soviet Legation in Athens, Greece because he had become disillusioned with the Communist system and since he knew that he would be recalled to Russia and perhaps executed.

In regard to BARMINE'S employment, he advised that BARMINE had for a short time worked as a laborer when he first came to the United States and had thereafter devoted himself to writing his book and various magazine articles. He stated also that BARMINE had since 1946 been investing money in real estate in Key West, Florida, but could give no further details in regard thereto.

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advised that she had become acquainted with ALEXANDER BARMINE about three years ago and that he had lived for a short time at her home at Turkey Lane in the summer of 1946. She advised that she considered BARMINE to be a person of excellent character, integrity, reputation and loyalty. She advised that he looks at the world entirely through American eyes and that he is a firm believer in principles of democracy.

She stated that he is an ardent opponent of the encroachment of the state on personal liberties and that he had entirely surrendered the Communist beliefs he had held in his youth.

[redacted] advised that she knew that BARMINE had been employed by the Office of Strategic Service and by "Reader's Digest" and that during the periods of 1946 to present he had been principally engaged in handling real estate which he owned at Key West, Florida and Fort Salonga, Northport, Long Island. She stated that the property at Key West, Florida was located on Pearl Street, Key West, Florida.

[redacted] advised that BARMINE has resided in an apartment at 46 King Street, New York City, since his divorce in July, 1946. She further advised that BARMINE had divorced his wife because they no longer seemed to get along well together and that the divorce had been given with Mrs. BARMINE'S consent. She said that she also was well acquainted with Mrs. BARMINE and considered her to be a person of fine character, loyalty and reputation.

[redacted] also advised that she believed that during the past two years and previously, BARMINE had assisted his wife in her textile business and that he had been employed by the New York World's Fair in 1940. She stated that she also knew that BARMINE had been employed by the Office of Strategic Service but knew none of the details of this employment.

[redacted] advised that she was unacquainted with any of BARMINE'S friends. Finally, [redacted] advised that she had been seriously considering marrying Mr. BARMINE and if the marriage took place it would occur September 11, 1948.

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Marital History

Mrs. MARI BARMINE, 670 West End Avenue, New York City, advised that she had met ALEXANDER G. BARMINE at a technical conference in Athens, Greece in January, 1936, at which time he had presided over a visiting group of Soviet architects and at which time he had been First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Athens, Greece. She advised that she herself had been a figure of some note in Greece due to the fact that her former husband, COSTAS PAPAZOLGOU had been a Revolutionary under General VENIZELOS in the revolution of 1935 at which time he had been imprisoned and condemned to death.

Mrs. BARMINE'S appeals to the Government to spare her husband's life had resulted in considerable newspaper publicity for her when she became successful in her attempts and she became well known in Greece. Mrs. BARMINE stated that this accounted in great measure for BARMINE'S interest in her.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that she had subsequently seen BARMINE on many occasions and had fallen in love with him and had taken trips of two or three days duration with him through Greece. In 1937 she attended an architectural exposition in Paris, France as architectural representative of Greece and while she was there BARMINE came to visit her and said he had become disgusted with the Soviet Government and Soviet doctrine and had broken with the Soviet Government.

She advised that previous to this BARMINE had never discussed politics with her. She advised, however, that BARMINE had made a previous trip back to Russia to visit Moscow and upon his return to Athens he had seemed to be in poor physical and mental condition and she stated this was due to what he had seen in Russia and the conditions of Russian life in contrast to life in democratic countries.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that both she and BARMINE decided that they would stay in Paris although they were unknown and had little money. She said that they never associated with other Russian refugees while in Paris. She also advised that subsequent to her joining with BARMINE in Paris she had divorced her former husband, PAPAZOLGOU and had married BARMINE in Paris in October, 1938.

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Mrs. BARMINE advised that in 1937 when BARMINE joined her in Paris they became acquainted with MARCEAU PIVERT to whom they told their story and he introduced them to a Socialist Deputy in the French House of Deputies named MAX DORMAY who was Minister of Interior in France in 1937. She advised that prior to this meeting she had only succeeded in obtaining a temporary passport and visa as a visitor so that neither she nor her husband could obtain work in France and that she had been ordered by the French Police to return to Greece within twelve hours.

They had then appealed to MAX DORMAY and after giving their full story they were thoroughly investigated by the French Police and as a result of this investigation were given official passports as refugees which entitled them to secure gainful employment in France. Mrs. BARMINE advised that she secured employment in a textile design studio and advised that ALEXANDER BARMINE secured a small job with Air France Company for which he received about \$30.00 a month, the duties of which consisted of reserving places for passengers on planes and directing passengers.

She advised that at no time had BARMINE been an officer in this company and he had been employed there from 1937 to 1940. She also advised that she had been informed by BARMINE but did not know of her own knowledge that he had been President of the Auto-motive Export Corporation in Moscow from 1934 to 1935, and had previously been Executive Vice President of the Machine-Tool Import Corporation in Moscow for a period which she did not know. She also advised that BARMINE had informed her that he had attended the Frunze Military College in Moscow in his youth.

She explained that all the details of BARMINE'S life, prior to the time she became acquainted with him in 1937, she knew from what he had told her and from what was included in his book.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that while in Paris she had lived with BARMINE at an address in St. Cloud, a suburb of Paris, prior to their marriage in October, 1938, when they had moved to 22 Rue de Sueur and later to the Rue De Petits Champs.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that during this period she had always contributed to the support of the family and that BARMINE had continually insisted that she ask her father in Greece to help supply them with money which she had always refused to do although at times her father had sent her small sums. She also advised that during this period in Paris, BARMINE had written several articles for newspapers.

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She advised that in 1938 they had come to the United States on a visit. She stated that they stayed in the United States only a few months with an aunt, Mrs. DEMETRIOS, at 46-138 233rd Street, Laurelton, New York, and then returned to Paris, France because her husband had advised that it would be best to return to France to get their passports and papers in order so as to enable them to return to the United States as immigrants. They, therefore, returned to Paris and BARMINE again worked at the Air France Company in a minor capacity until December, 1939 when they returned to the United States as immigrants, arriving in the United States in January, 1940.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that upon their arrival in the United States they stayed for about two weeks with her aunt, Mrs. DEMETRIOS at Laurelton, New York, and then moved to an address which she had forgotten on 149th Street near Broadway, New York City. At this time her husband had secured employment as a laborer in an iron factory called Salterini Company which employment he held for only a few weeks and then secured employment in the Town of Tomorrow at the New York World's Fair as a package wrapper.

She stated that upon their arrival in the United States they had practically no money and as a result of her husband's employment and her own endeavors in textile designing they had saved a few hundred dollars and bought a car and had driven to Key West, Florida. While at Key West, Florida they had visited Professor JOHN DEWEY and his daughter and son-in-law at their home and stayed with Professor DEWEY for about one month. Mrs. BARMINE stated that they then saw a small house in Key West, Florida, location 529 to 525 Grinnell Street, Key West, Florida, which they purchased.

In early 1941 they returned to New York City after remodeling the house in Key West, Florida into apartments and renting these apartments. Mrs. BARMINE stated that they became quite friendly with the residents of Key West, Florida.

Upon BARMINE'S return to New York he secured a position as a radio translator for the National Broadcasting Company at Bellmore, Long Island and subsequently was employed by the Office of Strategic Service when it took over the operation of the listening post at Bellmore, Long Island. Also upon their return to New York City they had resided at 49 West 39th Street, New York City and in late 1941 moved to 12 East 48th Street, New York City.

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During this period BARMINE secured a position with the "Reader's Digest" and was also writing his book "One Who Survived".

Mrs. BARMINE explained that owning the house at Key West, Florida and the financial success followed thereafter in renting apartments encouraged BARMINE to purchase more property and they bought a large house at Fort Salonga, Northport, Long Island. These real estate ventures had made them money and Mrs. BARMINE'S textile designing had prospered and so they moved to 670 West End Avenue, New York City, in 1944. She advised, however, that BARMINE became increasingly more difficult to live with because of his constant devotion to the making of money.

Mrs. BARMINE stated that she remembered that BARMINE had written a piece for "Reader's Digest" in October, 1944 and had been informed by the Office of Strategic Service immediately thereafter not to return to work. She stated that this was an anti-Communist article and that in it BARMINE had stated that there were Communists in government employ and it was her belief and that of her husband that this was the reason that BARMINE was discharged. She stated that thereafter the "Reader's Digest" had hired BARMINE and he had been regularly employed by them until early 1946 when he became dissatisfied with the lack of work he was given and resigned.

Thereafter, he was not again employed until the present time except for the handling of the properties at Key West, Florida and Fort Salonga, New York. Mrs. BARMINE stated that during this period she was the main financial support of the family and BARMINE'S inactivity as well as his dependence upon her caused difficulties and differences in agreement between them.

Mrs. BARMINE advised that during 1945 they had become acquainted with the ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELTS and had spent the summer of 1946 at their home at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island and since that time BARMINE had convinced himself that he was in love with [redacted] and she was in love with him and he intended to marry her in the future. She advised, however, that BARMINE has become so emotionally upset in the past few years that he visits her almost daily since their divorce and cries on her shoulder and informs her that he cannot leave her although he also continually visits with [redacted] and expects to marry her.

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Mrs. BARMINE advised that BARMINE had requested her to divorce him in Key West, Florida. She had advised her husband that if he wanted a divorce he would have to secure it himself but stated that she would give her consent to the divorce if he obtained it. She stated that BARMINE, therefore went to Key West, Florida and divorce proceedings were begun in April, 1946 and the decree of divorce became final in July, 1946. Mrs. BARMINE advised that there was included in the divorce an agreement that BARMINE would pay her alimony only in the event that her future yearly income should decline below the figure of \$2,000.00 per year. Mrs. BARMINE stated that such a decline in her income was highly unlikely and that even in the event it should occur she would not take the alimony.

Mrs. BARMINE advised that in her estimation BARMINE is entirely loyal to the Government of the United States and is wholeheartedly devoted to the American way of life and to the capitalistic system. She stated that he had in 1937 completely renounced his beliefs in Communism and his feeling for the Soviet Union. Mrs. BARMINE advised that she considered her husband to be reliable and trustworthy and that he was scrupulously honest. She stated, however, that BARMINE is a highly emotional and excitable individual and that he is by nature a coward.

She advised that during her entire married life BARMINE had been possessed of a great fear which she characterized as the result of his youth in the Soviet Union. She stated that BARMINE had from childhood to maturity been taught to accept appointments from a State and not to battle for himself in a capitalistic world. She said, in addition, that when she first married BARMINE he was in a great fear of being killed or injured by agents of the Soviet Union and insisted upon her actual physical presence with him during the twenty four hours of the day.

Finally, Mrs. BARMINE advised that she believed that above all things BARMINE loved himself and that he would be wholeheartedly devoted to the United States under any circumstances because of the fact that he knew his entire welfare depended on the Government of the United States. She explained that BARMINE had cut all his bridges behind him and, therefore, had no other place to go. She also advised that BARMINE had prospered financially in the United States and that his own interest was therefore interwoven with the good and welfare of America.

She stated that this loyalty to the United States and self-interest was so strong that he would sacrifice his two sons, [redacted] who are still in Soviet Russia and who he has not seen since 1937. She explained that no threats by the Soviet Government against his sons would deter BARMINE from taking action favorable to the United States.

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Mrs. BARMINE advised that she believed her husband had been associated in some capacity with the Amtorg Trading Corporation prior to her acquaintanceship with him in 1937, but since that date he had had absolutely no connection with this corporation or any Russian agency. Mrs. BARMINE further advised that she believed that her husband's lack of gainful employment and loss of personal pride caused by this factor had induced him to attempt to marry [redacted] since such a marriage would inflate his ego.

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Employment

Mr. RICHARD SLOMAN, Personnel Section, Air France, 683 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that the New York Office of Air France does not have personnel records of employees of the company who were employed in France. He was not acquainted with BARMINE.

Mr. LOUIS GENOVESE, Personnel Department, John B. Salterini Company, 510 East 72nd Street, New York City, advised that a check of the records of this company failed to reflect BARMINE'S employment from 1938 to the present date. He advised, however, that in 1940 his company had operated two factories in New York City making wrought iron parts for chairs and that some of the records became mislaid and that it was possible that BARMINE was employed although his employment could not be verified.

Mr. DOMINIC PEPE, employee for twenty years of the John B. Salterini Company, stated that he did not remember BARMINE.

Mr. ANGUS McDONALD, Chief, Personnel Department, Manufacturers Trust Company, 45 Beaver Street, New York City, advised that BARMINE'S record reflected that he had been employed in 1940 from June 21, 1940 to October 31, 1940 as a porter and that he had left the job because his work was completed. There was no derogatory information on the record. The only additional information contained on the record was BARMINE'S address, 523 West 149th Street, New York City. Mr. McDONALD advised that he did not know BARMINE and that BARMINE would not be known to anybody at the present date. Mr. McDONALD added that the above mentioned employment by BARMINE was with the New York World's Fair, whose records he maintains.

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Miss JEAN COLLINS, Supervisor, Personnel Records, National Broadcasting Company, New York City, advised that BARMINE had never appeared upon the permanent payroll but had been a temporary employee for a period of two weeks in April, 1942 at the Bellmore, Long Island listening post being employed as a monitor and a caretaker. She advised that BARMINE was not personally known at the National Broadcasting Company.

Mr. ASHTON DUNN, former Personnel Director of the National Broadcasting Company and now Personnel Director of the Radio Corporation of America, New York City, advised that in 1939 or 1940 the National Broadcasting Company had decided to set up a monitoring post for European broadcasts. He advised that he had met BARMINE through Mr. HERBERT SOLOW, Editor of "Time" and "Fortune" magazines and had been impressed by BARMINE'S intelligence and background as well as his anti-Communist and anti-Stalinist views.

He stated that he knew about BARMINE'S background from what BARMINE had told him and he desired strongly to engage BARMINE for the monitoring position but was afraid to do so because of BARMINE'S complex background and since at that time Russia was an ally of Germany. He advised that subsequently when Russia and Germany were at war he had hired BARMINE for a short time for this position. He advised that it was his belief that BARMINE had been employed for a longer period than two weeks but stated that it was only in the nature of a temporary position and BARMINE had then resigned from the National Broadcasting Company.

Mr. DUNN advised that he believed BARMINE to be thoroughly sincere in his loyalty to the United States and his hatred of Communism and the Stalin Regime.

He advised that both he and his wife, Mrs. KATHERINE DUNN, had attended a party at BARMINE'S home in about 1942 and that at that party were General KERENSKY who had been Prime Minister in Russia just preceding the Communist Revolution, Mr. EUGENE LYONS, then Editor of the "American Mercury" and he believed that KATRINA PAXINOU, Greek actress, had also been a guest. He advised that the spirit of the party had been one of love for Russia as it existed before the Stalin-Communist Regime since old Russian songs were sung and all the people present appeared to be ardently anti-Communist.

Mr. DUNN advised that he had remembered reading articles in the "New York Times" between 1937 and 1940 written by ALEXANDER BARMINE from Paris concerning the Russian spy trials which were all written in an anti-Communist vein.

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Mr. DE WITT WALLACE, President of "Reader's Digest", Pleasantville, New York, advised that ALEXANDER BARMINE had been employed as a writer during the year 1945 on a permanent basis and previously and subsequently on a piece basis by the "Reader's Digest". He advised that both BARMINE'S articles and his personal comments on the few occasions when he had met him revealed him as a loyal American who was the proper type to be employed by the United States Government at the present time and a person of good character and reputation.

He advised that BARMINE was entirely honest in all his financial dealings and that he had never heard any bad reports about him for any reason.

Mr. RICHARD HEPPNER, formerly associated with the Office of Strategic Service and presently employed by the law firm of WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, 2 Wall Street, New York City, advised that he did not know BARMINE and that the records of employment for the Office of Strategic Service were located at Washington, D.C. He advised also that inquiry at the office of WILLIAM J. DONOVAN reflected that nobody employed at that office who had previously been employed or associated with the Office of Strategic Service knew of ALEXANDER BARMINE.

In a newspaper clipping of October 6, 1944 in the "World Telegram" there was a statement that BARMINE had stated that he had been discharged from his employment with the Office of Strategic Service because his article in the "Reader's Digest", "The New Communist Conspiracy" had been responsible. This article further stated that Lt. Colonel O. C. DOERING, Jr., Executive Officer, Office of Strategic Service, had denied that the writing of this article had any connection with BARMINE'S dismissal and that it had been decided on September 21, 1944, previous to the article's publication, to let BARMINE go.

The office of Colonel WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, 2 Wall Street, New York City, advised that Lt. Colonel O. C. DOERING was associated with that firm but was presently on vacation at Park Falls, Wisconsin, telephone number 1F2.

Mr. LAWRENCE LOWMAN, presently Vice President of Columbia Broadcasting System, advised that he remembered that BARMINE had been employed as a radio translation man for the Office of Strategic Service but that he had not known him well and was unable to comment concerning him except that he thought that he remembered BARMINE had been dismissed from the service. He advised that Lt. Colonel O. C. DOERING might remember him.

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Barmine's Writings

Mr. MELVILLE MINTON, President of G. B. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th Street, New York City, advised that he had known ALEXANDER G. BARMINE well since about 1943 and that he had written a book entitled "One Who Survived". He advised that this book was a story of BARMINE'S life in the Soviet Government service and Soviet Army as well as his experiences since his break with the Soviet Government. He stated that the book was violently anti-Communist and that as far as BARMINE'S loyalty was concerned he rated one hundred per cent. He stated that he believed BARMINE to be entirely loyal to the United States and a confirmed anti-Communist.

Mr. MINTON also stated that BARMINE was of good character and had a fine reputation for honesty and was reliable and trustworthy. He advised, however, that he had been glad to see the last of BARMINE because BARMINE was continually interfering with the publishing details of the book and had engaged in many arguments and differences of opinion with Mr. MINTON. He stated that BARMINE is extremely excitable and a difficult man to manage.

Mr. MINTON advised that the book "One Who Survived" had been a fair success, selling about 18,000 or 19,000 copies and he had received reports from Europe that it was one of the finest books ever written against Communism. He advised also that Doubleday and Company at first agreed to publish this book but then had refused to publish it because it was too anti-Communist and too anti-Stalin at a time when Russia was our ally in the war against Germany.

Mr. MINTON advised that he had thought so highly of the book that he had decided to publish it notwithstanding the fact that we were, in 1944, allies of RUSSIA.

Mr. LEE BARTER, Executive Editor, Doubleday and Company, 14 West 49th Street, New York City, advised that he remembered ALEXANDER BARMINE as the writer of the book "One Who Survived" and that Doubleday and Company had originally contracted to publish the book in 1942 but that he had finally informed BARMINE that the book would not be published by Doubleday and Company because of the fact that it was violently anti-Communist at a time when the United States was allied with Russia in a war against Germany.

He stated that it was his personal opinion that the events of the book had been colored in an entirely too anti-Communist vein. He stated also that he had never met ALEXANDER BARMINE personally and, therefore, could not comment concerning him.

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Mr. BARTER advised that this book had been written by BARMINE in collaboration with MAX EASTMAN, an Editor of the "Reader's Digest" and who is also renowned as a violent anti-Communist and anti-Stalinist. He stated that Doubleday and Company had no knowledge of the financial relationship between BARMINE and EASTMAN and that to his knowledge BARMINE and EASTMAN were entirely reliable financially.

In a book review of "Time" magazine, dated July 6, 1945, concerning "One Who Survived", the statement was contained as follows:

"This book is important as a moral and political indictment of Asia's number one power."

In a book review in the "New Yorker" magazine, dated July 14, 1945, entitled "The Autobiography of a Soviet Official", by EDMOND WILSON, it was stated that BARMINE had said in his book that he had to decide in 1937 whether he would be of more help to the Russian people in one of Stalin's prisons or as a free man speaking the truth. WILSON said that BARMINE wrote to the Central Committee of the French League of the Rights of Man, stating that, "For 19 years I have been in Soviet Government service, fought for the Soviet Regime and dedicated many energies to the cause of the Worker's State. It is quite obvious to me that a reactionary dictatorship is now in control of my country."

This was written in 1937. WILSON also stated that BARMINE had thereafter written a book in France in 1937, entitled "20 Years in the Service of the U.S.S.R.", which was published in English as "Memoirs of a Soviet Diplomat". The review stated that this book had later been enlarged and was now published in the United States under the title "One Who Survived". WILSON'S review ended with the statement that in renouncing his allegiance to the Stalinist Government, BARMINE had taken his place in the line of a great Russian tradition.

Mr. JEE B. WOOD, Executive Editor, "New York World Telegram", advised that he did not know BARMINE personally but remembered that BARMINE had written a few articles of an anti-Communist tenor concerning the Soviet Government in the "World Telegram" in the past. He advised that BARMINE had the reputation of being a firm anti-Communist.

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A press clipping in the possession of the "World Telegram" reflected that the New York "Daily Worker", Communist newspaper in New York City, in its issue of October 6, 1944 had applauded BARMINE'S dismissal from Office of Strategic Service and had demanded an investigation of the Office of Strategic Service for employing him in the first place.

There was also contained in the press clippings an article of January 6, 1943 of the "World Telegram" describing BARMINE, who was then in the United States Army as a Private, as a former Red Army General.

Mr. CHARLES ANGOFF, Editor, "American Mercury" magazine, New York City, advised that he did not know BARMINE personally and that BARMINE had never written any articles for the "American Mercury" magazine neither while he was Editor nor during the tenure of Mr. EUGENE LYONS.

Mr. HERBERT ANDRE of the "New York Times" newspaper, advised that BARMINE had never written any articles for the "New York Times" but that he had written articles for the North American Newspaper Alliance while he was in Paris, France, between 1937 and 1940 and the "New York Times" had published these articles since it received contributions from the North American Newspaper Alliance. He said that he was not acquainted with BARMINE and that the Editor, Mr. JAMES, was presently in Europe.

Mr. ANDRE LEVEQUE, Secretary of the North American Newspaper Alliance, 229 West 43rd Street, New York City, advised that a search of their records failed to reflect the record of the articles written by BARMINE in 1937 to 1940 and that these articles were unavailable. He advised that BARMINE had written an article on January 29, 1946 for the North American Newspaper Alliance which concerned longevity serum being developed in the Soviet Union and that this article was purely technical with a slight anti-Stalin bias since BARMINE had claimed that STALIN was interested in developing this serum because he feared his own death.

Mr. PETER CELLIERS, Editor, North American Newspaper Alliance, advised that he had met BARMINE a few times in 1946 when BARMINE had written articles on the longevity serum in the U.S.S.R. and that he impressed him as a reliable, trustworthy man whose views were anti-Communist and who seemed loyal to the United States.

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A review of the writings by BARMINE for the North American Newspaper Alliance from Paris between 1937 and 1940 reflected that they were articles reporting the Soviet spy trials and purges in connection with Marshall TUKHACHEVSKY and BUKHARIN.

Miss ROSE DALEY, Secretary to the Editor, "Harper's Magazine", 49 West 33rd Street, New York City, advised that she recalled the name BARMINE and that her records showed that he submitted an article in February, 1941 entitled, "Escape from Stalin" but that this article was submitted through an agency and that BARMINE was not known personally by anyone on the staff of "Harper's Magazine". Miss DALEY furnished the February, 1941 issue of "Harper's Magazine" which contained a brief background description of ALEXANDER BARMINE. This sketch reflected that until August, 1937 BARMINE was Soviet Charge D'Affaires at Athens, Greece and that he fled to this country to escape Russian political trials.

It advised that he was born in 1899 in Russia and in 1919 joined the Communist Party and entered the Red Army as a volunteer fighting in the civil war as a private. Latter he was appointed Political Commissar and in 1929 was assigned to a school for Red officers and later held several commands in the Army during the campaign against Poland. In 1923 he was retired with the rank of Brigadier General and was appointed Soviet Consul General in Greece.

In ten years, between 1925 and 1935, he was attached to the Commissariat for French Trade and served in various capacities throughout Europe. He was also President of the Soviet Syndicate for Export of Arms and Mechanical Goods and then in December, 1935 was appointed to the Soviet Legation at Athens. Miss DALY advised that "Escape from Stalin" was taken from Mr. BARMINE'S autobiography "Born to be Free".

Mrs. RUTH ALEY, Ruth and Maxwell Aley Agency, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that she recalled BARMINE slightly and that her records showed that they submitted one article of his to "Harper's Magazine" in 1941. She said she knew nothing about him except that he was Russian and had fled to this country to escape the Soviet purges.

Mr. IRVING STONE, Technical Editor, "Aviation Week", 330 West 42nd Street, New York City, advised that he was formerly Associate Editor of "Aviation" magazine which is now known as "Aviation Week" but that he is unable to recall anyone by the name of BARMINE ever contributing articles for "Aviation" magazine. Mr. STONE contacted several employees of this company and advised that none of them recalled any writer by the name of BARMINE.

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However, Mr. STONE produced the March, 1942 issue of "Aviation" magazine which reflected that ALEXANDER BARMINE wrote an article entitled, "They Learned about Parachuting From Us" which was taken from his book "Born to be Free".

Mr. SOLOMON DINGOJ, Editor, "The Day", 183 East Broadway, New York City, advised that the name BARMINE was familiar to him as he had read one of BARMINE'S strong anti-Communist books but that he does not recall BARMINE ever submitting articles for his newspaper. He advised, however, that several years ago "The Day" ran a book review on one of BARMINE'S novels but that this was written by one of the staff of the newspaper.

Mr. HERBERT SOLOW, Editor, "Time" and "Fortune" magazines, advised that he had become acquainted with BARMINE in about 1940 through MAX EASTMAN of the "Reader's Digest". He advised that he considered BARMINE to be absolutely loyal to the United States and a person of good character, reputation and ability. He advised that BARMINE along with MAX EASTMAN and EUGENE LYONS were outstanding anti-Communists in the United States. He also advised that BARMINE was not sympathetic to any Fascist beliefs or opinions.

SOLOW also stated that BARMINE had never been sympathetic with the principles of LEON TROTZKY and that since he himself had been a personal friend of LEON TROTZKY and was familiar with those who surrounded him and with the group which supported him he knew that BARMINE was never one of this group. He advised that he had met BARMINE'S wife on one or two occasions but did not know her intimately. SOLOW advised that he could furnish no derogatory information concerning BARMINE but admitted that he did not like BARMINE personally, stating that this was simply a personal feeling on his part for which he had no reason.

Mr. ISAAC DON LEVINE, Editor of "Plain Talk" magazine, 240 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that he had become acquainted with BARMINE in about 1938 and that he remembered that BARMINE had written anti-Communist and anti-Stalin articles in the "New York Times" from Paris from 1937 to 1940. He stated that BARMINE was entirely loyal to the United States and to the principles of the American form of Government and that there had never been any question of BARMINE'S antagonism and hatred of Communism and the Soviet Union.

LEVINE advised, however, that BARMINE had been a friend of MAX EASTMAN, Editor of "Reader's Digest", an anti-Communist writer in the United States who had helped him in the preparation of his book "One Who Survived". He advised that they had signed a contract between themselves to divide the proceeds of the book on a fifty fifty basis and that Doubleday and

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Company had originally paid in advance \$800.00 which they had divided in equal parts of \$400.00 apiece. Thereafter, Doubleday and Company had refused to publish the book on the ground that it was anti-Soviet at the time when the United States was an ally of Russia and so LEVINE had approached MELVILLE MINTON, President of Putnam's Sons, Publishers to publish the book.

MINTON had agreed to publish the book and then made all his payments to BARMINE. BARMINE had thereafter refused to pay MAX EASTMAN the money he owed him which amounted to several thousand dollars.

LEVINE related that MAX EASTMAN, returning from a trip to Cuba, had stopped at BARMINE'S Key West, Florida home to speak to him about his share of the proceeds and BARMINE had abused him roundly and had not even admitted him to the house. It is LEVINE'S belief that EASTMAN and BARMINE are no longer friends.

ISAAC DON LEVINE advised that BARMINE had caused much difficulty during the publishing of the book at Putnam's Sons, Publishers and that LEVINE had constantly intervened between Mr. MINTON and BARMINE to pacify their relations. BARMINE'S constant bickerings and objections had finally disgusted LEVINE and he had ceased his connections with BARMINE about two years ago.

LEVINE stated finally that BARMINE had never been employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation while he was in the United States and that the only employments he held were with the Office of Strategic Service, the National Broadcasting Company as a writer, and a short period of work as a laborer when he first entered the country.

Mr. LEVINE advised that Mr. MAX EASTMAN was presently residing at his summer home at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

Mr. ISAAC DON LEVINE advised that he had assisted VIKTOR KRAVCHENKO, former member of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Washington D.C. who had resigned from the Purchasing Commission, severing all connections with the Soviets, in the preparation of his magazine article and book. Mr. LEVINE advised that BARMINE had been quite jealous of KRAVCHENKO'S success in publishing his book describing life in the Soviet Union and his experiences, since it out-sold BARMINE'S book.

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The New York "Daily Worker", a Communist newspaper in New York City, in its issue of May 22, 1943, carried a story entitled, "New Trotzkyite Attack on F.D.R." This article attacked the Trotzkyites since they were using the motion picture "Mission to Moscow" as a pretext to attack the Roosevelt administration and the Soviet Union. This article named EASTMAN among these Trotzkyites and described him as an editor of the anti-New Deal, anti-Soviet "Reader's Digest", and many years literary representative of LEON TROTZKY in this country. The article stated that TROTZKY'S chief occupation was anti-Soviet propaganda.

Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency which conducts security investigations, advised April 15, 1943 that as of December 23, 1942 ALEXANDRE BARMINE, 12 East 48th Street, New York City, enlisted in the United States Army as a Private. He advised that BARMINE had held the rank of Brigadier General in the Red Army from 1930 to 1933 and had been head of the Soviet Military Importing Mission in Paris. BARMINE had advised Confidential Informant T-1 on April 6, 1943 that he had been Chief of the Russian Mission in 1937 and that he had been ordered to return to Russia but had disobeyed fearing the purges that were sweeping the country. He had formerly been a friend of TUKHACHEVSKY and a graduate of the Frunze Military Academy in a class of officers, the majority of whom had been singled out for execution.

BARMINE allegedly fled to Paris and came to the United States in 1940 where he was later employed by the National Broadcasting Company in the Monitor Foreign Broadcast Division. BARMINE remained with this position which was finally taken over by the Office of Strategic Service. Confidential Informant T-1 stated that BARMINE said he had advised a Mr. ULMAN, his superior in the Office of Strategic Service that because of his anti-Soviet beliefs and reputation it might be a source of embarrassment to the United States Government to have him in that agency at that time.

Additional information reflected that BARMINE had influential friends in this country among whom are WALTER LIPPMAN, EUGENE LYONS and ADOLPH BERLE and that he had formerly been associated with Amtorg Trading Corporation in New York City and Paris. BARMINE had also advised Confidential Informant T-1 that he believed that one of his co-workers in the Office of Strategic Service had been a Communist Party member.

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Confidential Informant T-1 stated that while in the United States Army as a Private at Fort Totten, New York, BARMINE had received newspaper publicity to the effect that he had been a former Red Army General and was now a Private in the United States Army. BARMINE had showed his fellow soldiers a clipping from the "New York Times" dated January 6, 1943, which had characterized him as a former Russian General in which he said, "I was proud of the Red Army." He also said at that time that the Red Army had been trained for fifteen years whereas the American Army had been trained for only two years and was not yet finished.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that ALEXANDER BARMINE had been of assistance in 1938 in the investigation of Communist activities in France.

Army info is unclassified per their letter dated 7/13/89. MacPhee 12/10/90.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that in October, 1946 ALEXANDER BARMINE had stated that it was his belief that proper care was not being taken to detect Soviet agents who were being brought into the United States at the present time by the U.S.S.R. BARMINE said that he knew nothing of a definite nature but that he was suspicious that such was being done. He gave as a basis for these suspicions the fact that he had read in the local papers the names of various Russian people who were brought to the United States to work for the United Nations and he had detected some names which he claimed were definitely not of Russian origin and that these names had been taken from Russian fairy tales and the like and were not usual Russian names. He stated that the practice of using such names was one which the Soviet espionage agencies used.

BARMINE also advised that he believed that the Russians were taking over as many key positions in the administration of the United Nations as possible.

BARMINE advised the informant in addition that he had read a statement in the newspapers made by Secretary of State BYRNES concerning the policy which the United States would follow in China or Japan in agrarian matters. In this statement BYRNES referred to "the workers and peasants." According to BARMINE, this was definitely Communist terminology and would not be used by the average American who usually refers to peasants as "farmers".

BARMINE said that the use of these words indicated that the person who wrote the material for BYRNES was so indoctrinated in the Communistic line of thought that he involuntarily used these terms in the article.

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Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, stated on August 1, 1942 that Red Army men at Washington, D.C. had told him that BARMINE was a very dangerous person and should not be in the United States armed forces. It was further stated that the informant was surprised to learn that BARMINE was now a soldier in the United States Army since he had been a former Brigadier General in the Red Army and was one of the officers who had sold-out to Trotzky but had escaped the purge by fleeing to America.

Confidential Informant T-3, another government agency which conducts security investigations, advised on July 29, 1941, that BARMINE was employed by the National Broadcasting Company as a translator and editor of foreign broadcasts and that he had formerly been a high ranking officer in the Red Army and later an employee of the Russian Foreign Service in Greece.

The informant advised that BARMINE had broken with the Russian Government upon being ordered to return to Moscow and had taken refuge in France. The informant advised that an attempt had been made to poison the subject and his wife while in Paris and that BARMINE had been a friend of WALTER LIPPMAN and was believed to have recently performed service for the United States Government in the investigation of a case.

Navy info is unclassified per their letter dated 7/27/89. MAC/MSR 11/10/90

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, stated that on February 5, 1945 BARMINE had advised that the American Russian Institute is an unofficial Soviet agency in the United States. He also advised that such organizations as the American Russian Institute while enlisting non-Party sponsors on a broad basis are inevitably under direct Communist Party and Soviet Government supervision and control.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that ALEXANDER BARMINE had met VIKTOR KRAVCHENKO once on July 12, 1944 and that the meeting had been possibly arranged through EUGENE LYONS.

Miss J. STANLEY, Secretary, Hockwald, Morris and Richmond, Attorneys, 40 Exchange Place, New York City, advised that Mr. ROBERT MORRIS was presently vacationing at 200 Forman Avenue, Point Pleasant, New Jersey and would not return to New York City until after Labor Day.

Mr. F. DAVIDSON, Superintendent, 1158 Fifth Avenue, New York City, stated that Professor JOHN DEWEY and his entire family were vacationing at Hubbard, Nova Scotia, Canada and that the time of their return to New York City was unknown to him.

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Neighborhood

Mr. GEORGE DEMETRIUS, 138-46 233rd Street, Laurelton, New York, advised that he first met BARMINE and his wife, MARI, when they first came to this country from Europe in about 1939 but that he had heard of them through his family as BARMINE'S wife, MARI, is Mr. DEMETRIUS' cousin. He said that Mr. and Mrs. BARMINE lived at the above address for about one year until they found an apartment in Manhattan.

Mr. DEMETRIUS advised that BARMINE married his wife while in Greece where he was with the Russian Consulate Service and that they fled to this country to escape Russian persecution. He described BARMINE as a man of good character, honest and dependable, that he is quiet, intelligent and very well informed on Russian affairs. He said that BARMINE has written a strong anti-Stalin novel entitled "Born to be Free" and Mr. DEMETRIUS further said he would consider BARMINE to be a strong anti-Communist.

He said he knew nothing derogatory concerning BARMINE'S reputation or loyalty to the United States and that he would recommend him for a position with the Government. Concerning BARMINE'S private life, Mr. DEMETRIUS stated that he did not know whether or not BARMINE and his wife were divorced but he knew that they were not getting along too well and at the present time are not living together. In addition, Mr. DEMETRIUS added that BARMINE has written for several magazines and newspapers while in the United States and has lived in various residences in Manhattan.

Mrs. CLARENCE LYNCH, owner, 523 West 149th Street, New York City, advised that she and her husband purchased this building in 1944 from the James H. Cruikshank Realty Company and that she does not know any persons by the name of BARMINE. Investigation in the neighborhood at 523 West 149th Street reflected that this is now a negro district and no one recalled BARMINE living at the above address in 1940.

Mr. JAMES H. CRUIKSHANK, 45 Nassau Street, New York City, advised that his records concerning property at 523 West 149th Street had been destroyed and are not available for review. He further advised that he did not recall the BARMINE family residing at that address.

Mr. A. MILLER, owner of the Milgor Novelty Company, 49 West 39th Street, New York City, advised that he and his partner took over this building in 1945 and that they do not know of anyone by the name of BARMINE ever residing at this address. He further advised that there are only two apartments for rent in the building and that neither of the present tenants had been there prior to 1945.

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Mr. W. C. GARDNER, Braislin Porter and Baldwin
545 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he managed the building
49 West 39th Street, New York City, in 1940 and 1941 and that his records
reflect that ALEXANDER and MARI BARMINE lived at that address from September 15, 1940 to November 30, 1941. He said he vaguely recalled them
to the best of his memory their reputation and conduct were above reproach
and they caused no trouble while residing at this building. His said
records also showed that their prior address was 523 West 149th Street
New York City.

Mr. HOBERT TINSKY, Caretaker, 16 East 48th Street,
New York City, advised that in March, 1948 the building at 12 East 48th Street
was destroyed by fire and that the manager at that time was the Carol
Managing Corporation, New York City.

Mr. DAVID KASKEL, Secretary, Carol Management Corporation,
Belmont Plaza, New York City, advised that his company purchased
the building at 12 East 48th Street in 1945 and that all records prior
that time would be with the Callahn Properties, Ltd., New York City.

Mrs. GEORGE T. MURRAY, 916 East 10th Street, Brooklyn,
New York, advised that her husband was formerly the President of the Callahn
Properties, Ltd. and that this organization is now out of business and his
records had been destroyed. It was advised also that Mr. MURRAY was out
of town and will not return until about September 8, 1948.

Mr. JOHN O'SHEA, superintendent, 670 West End Avenue,
New York City, advised that he has known the BARMINES since they moved
here in 1944 and that they resided in Apartment 5F and he knows nothing unfavorable
regarding their character and reputation. He said Mr. BARMINE
is a writer and appears to be a man of good education and background. Mr.
O'SHEA said he believed the BARMINES had recently been divorced and that
he had seen Mr. BARMINE visiting his former wife on several occasions during
the past few months.

Mrs. GRACE LISTON, elevator operator, 670 West End Avenue,
New York City, advised that she has been acquainted with the BARMINES since
they moved here in 1944 and that while she knows very little about them they
seem to be people of good character and reputation. She said Mr. BARMINE is
of Russian descent and that his main occupation has been as a writer. She
said at the present time Mr. BARMINE is not living with his wife but that he
does visit her quite frequently.

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Mrs. LENA ROTHSTEIN, Apartment 5E, 670 West End Avenue, New York City, stated that she knows the BARMINES only as neighbors and that she has never heard anything unfavorable concerning them. She said she has spoken about a dozen words to them and knows nothing concerning their character, associations or loyalty.

Mrs. HERBERT R. LACK, Apartment 5G, 670 West End Avenue, New York City, stated that she knows the BARMINES only by name and could furnish no information concerning them other than that they have caused no trouble while residing at this address.

Mr. SALVATORE CAPURSO, Superintendent, 46 King Street, New York City, advised that a man has been living in Miss BISHOP'S apartment for about eight weeks and that he knows nothing derogatory concerning his reputation or conduct. Mr. CAPURSO said he did not know the gentleman's name and that he comes and goes quite frequently and minds his own business.

Miss PATRICIA DESMOND, 46 King Street, New York City, advised that the gentleman, whose name she did not know, has been living in Miss BISHOP'S apartment on the top floor since July, 1948 and that his reputation and conduct has been satisfactory during this time. She said that Miss BISHOP has been away on vacation and that no one else in the building was available at the present time.

Mr. JACOB LUGER, Agent, 245 West 14th Street, New York City, advised that Mr. BARMINE is now residing in the apartment of Miss ELIZABETH BISHOP at 46 King Street during her absence and that he has been there since about July of this year. He said he knew nothing at all concerning BARMINE and that his conduct had been satisfactory since residing at this address.

Investigation at Northport, Long Island, New York reflected that BARMINE owns a summer home at Callahan Road, Fort Salonga, Long Island. BARMINE purchased this home in the summer of 1947. BARMINE is practically unknown to neighbors and other residents of Fort Salonga which is principally a vacation resort. The postal officials at Northport, Long Island advised that BARMINE registered as a resident of Callahan Road, Fort Salonga on June 2, 1947 but that he is unknown to them.

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Mr. ERICK SEEBECK, letter carrier covering Callahan Road, Fort Salonga, advised that BARMINE and his wife have rarely visited this residence and that the home was purchased for rental or investment purposes.

Credit and Criminal

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked on ALEXANDER BARMINE and his wife, MARI BARMINE. The records reflected that in August, 1943 BARMINE had been employed by the United States Government at Bellmore, Long Island, New York, and that his credit record was good. There was no record on his wife, MARI P. BARMINE.

The records of the New York City Police Department and the Suffolk Police Department covering Bellmore and Northport, Long Island, were checked on both BARMINE and his wife and no record could be found.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants appearing in the report of Special Agent WILLIAM C. MAUPAI, at New York, New York, dated August 31, 1948, are as follows:

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Military Intelligence Division of the War Department and Post Intelligence Officer at Fort Totten, New York.

T-2

Information contained in a letter to Bureau from New York Office dated 2/14/45, in case entitled "Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine; Internal Security-R" obtained by personal interview with Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine.

T-3

Report of Office of Naval Intelligence, dated 6/29/41 furnishing information given by Mr. [redacted] National Broadcasting Company.

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T-4

Report of SA JEROME W. BROWER in case entitled "American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc.", dated 2/5/45 at New York in which ALEXANDER G. BARMINE furnished the information set out in the report.

T-5

One [redacted] in report of SA NICHOLAS J. ALAGA, dated 8/14/44, entitled "Viktor Kravchenko, was; [redacted] Informant."

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The writer telephonically communicated with the office of Mr. ROY W. HOWARD, President, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, in an effort to arrange an appointment for an interview. Mr. HOWARD'S secretary put Mr. HOWARD himself on the wire and when an interview was requested Mr. HOWARD advised that he was too busy to see the writer since he had just returned from vacation and that such information as he possessed concerning BARMINE he could adequately furnish on the telephone. The writer attempted to press Mr. HOWARD for an interview but Mr. HOWARD insisted upon furnishing the information telephonically.

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August 19, 1948

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Mr. Paul Palmer
Senior Editor
The Reader's Digest
Pleasantville, New York

Dear Mr. Palmer:

You will recall that on June 16 you wrote me regarding your friend, Alexander Barmine, and the possibility of his taking an appointment in the State Department in connection with the Voice of America program.

I thought you would like to know that we have now received a request from the State Department to conduct the usual applicant investigation which will be handled as expeditiously as possible.

With best wishes and kind regards,

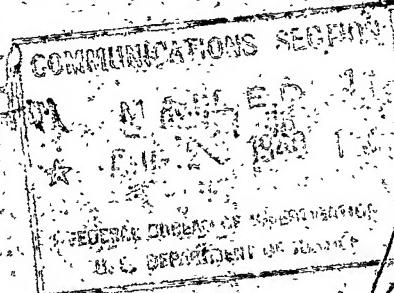
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August 11, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

I thought you would be interested in knowing that this Bureau has now received a request from the State Department for an investigation of the above-named individual as an applicant under the Voice of America program.

This individual is identical with the person concerning whom Mr. Paul Palmer, Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest wrote you on June 16, 1948.

Mr. Palmer indicated in his letter that this individual was formerly a General in the Red Army and a Soviet Government official. He is also author of the book "One Who Survived." He was also employed by O.S.S. and claims to have been let out due to his anti-Communist activities.

In accordance with the notation to Mr. Rosen on your letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Palmer, the contents of Mr. Palmer's letter will be furnished the State Department along with the investigative reports reflecting the investigation of this individual.

It is interesting to note that Barmine listed the following individuals as references, all in New York: Mr. Roy W. Howard, President, Scripps-Howard; William L. White, Editor and Writer; H. V. Kaltenborn, Radio-Commentator; Archibald B. Roosevelt, Investor and Broker; and Paul Palmer, Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest.

The New York Division has been instructed to have a mature, experienced and well-qualified agent, preferably one with considerable experience in contacting newspaper men and other prominent individuals, handle these interviews. This case will be followed closely.

Will mail to Palmer
letting him know we
have your required request

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Respectfully,
D. M. Ladd
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 24, 1948

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent CLYDE D. NICOLL dated September 7, 1948, at Washington, D. C., in which it was reported that no record of employment in the Office of Strategic Services, Bellmore, Long Island, New York could be located in the records of the

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RE. ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, VOA. REBULET TO NY AUGUST ELEVENTH FORTY EIGHT. APPLICANT IS FORMER RED ARMY OFFICER AND SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO BROKE WITH SOVIETS IN THIRTY SEVEN AND NOW REPORTEDLY ANTI COMMUNIST. BARMINE WROTE BOOK ENTITLED "ONE WHO SURVIVED" IN FORTY THREE WITH COLLABORATION MAX EASTMAN, EDITOR OF READERS DIGEST, A MARXIAN SOCIALIST WHO HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN ANTI STALIN. APPLICANT AND EASTMAN WERE GOOD FRIENDS AND DECIDED UPON EQUAL DIVISION OF PROCEEDS OF BOOK BUT WHEN PUTNAM SONS PUBLISHED BOOK BARMINE REFUSED TO PAY EASTMAN HIS SHARE. THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ISAAC DON LEVINE, EDITOR OF PLAIN TALK MAGAZINE. EASTMAN NOW RESIDING AT SUMMER HOME AT CHILMARK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASS. INTERVIEW EASTMAN CONCERNING BARMINE'S LOYALTY, CHARACTER AND DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM. BUDED AUGUST TWENTY FOUR. URGENT.

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFT BARMINE, VOA. REBULET TO NEW YORK AUGUST ELEVENTH LAST. APPLICANT'S EX-WIFE, MARI OR MARY BARMINE AND REFERENCES ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT AND WILLIAM L. ALLEN STATE APPLICANT SECURED DIVORCE FROM WIFE BY CONSENT AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA, IN JULY FORTY EIGHT OR SHORTLY BEFORE. APPLICANT AND EX-WIFE OWN PROPERTY AT FIVE TWO FIVE DASH FIVE TWO NINE GRINNELL STREET, KEY WEST, SINCE NINETEEN FORTY AND HAVE RESIDED AT THESE ADDRESSES DURING WINTER SEASONS INTERMITTENTLY SINCE NINETEEN FORTY. THEY HAVE ALSO ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTING APARTMENTS AT THESE ADDRESSES SINCE NINETEEN FORTY ONE. BOTH ARE WELL KNOWN IN KEY WEST, FLORIDA. APPLICANT AND HIS WIFE HAVE RESIDED FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH AT THE HOME OF PROFESSOR JOHN DEWEY IN KEY WEST IN NINETEEN FORTY AND ARE KNOWN TO PROFESSOR DEWEY AND HIS FAMILY. VERIFY DIVORCE AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS. APPLICANT IS FORMER RED ARMY OFFICER AND SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO BROKE WITH SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. MARI BARMINE IS GREEK GIRL HE MARRIED WHILE STATIONED AT ATHENS, GREECE. APPLICANT REPORTED TO BE STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. BORN AUGUST SIXTEENTH EIGHTEEN NINETY NINE AT MOHILEFF, RUSSIA. NEW YORK ADDRESS SIX SEVEN NAUGHT WEST END AVENUE. BUDED AUGUST TWENTY FOURTH.

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, VOA.

REBULET TO NY AUGUST ELEVEN LAST. RICHARD HEPPNER, FORMERLY OF OSS,
ADVISED THAT RECORDS OF FORMER PERSONNEL OF OSS ARE PRESENTLY MAINTAINED
AT EITHER CIA, WASHINGTON, D.C., OR WAR DEPT., WASHINGTON, D.C. VERIFY
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REBULET TO NY AUGUST ELEVEN LAST. APPLICANT SERVED IN U.S. ARMY WITH
ASH THREE TWO SIX FIVE FOUR SEVEN THREE SEVEN FROM DECEMBER FOUR, FORTY
TWO TO MARCH TWENTY SECOND, FORTY THREE WHEN DISCHARGED. BORN AUGUST
SIXTEEN, EIGHTEEN NINETY NINE, AT MOHILEFF, RUSSIA. WIFE, MARI BARMINE,
HOME ADDRESS TWELVE EAST FORTY EIGHTH ST., NYC, AND FORTY NINE WEST THIRTY
NINTH ST., NYC. VERIFY. BUDED AUGUST TWENTY FOUR.

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NEW HAVEN - URGENT

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, VOA.

REBULET TO NY AUGUST ELEVEN LAST. REFERENCE ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT ADVISES THAT HE MET APPLICANT THROUGH COL. TRUMAN SMITH OF FAIRFIELD, CONN., IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX. REFERENCE ADVISED APPLICANT DIVORCED HIS WIFE IN FLORIDA IN APRIL, FORTY EIGHT ON GROUNDS OF INCOMPATIBILITY. SECURE DETAILS FROM COL. SMITH IF KNOWN TO HIM. APPLICANT IS NOW REPORTED TO BE ANTI-COMMUNIST BUT WAS FORMERLY A RED ARMY OFFICER AND DIPLOMATIC ATTACHE UNTIL HE BROKE WITH SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. ALSO DETERMINE APPLICANT'S BUSINESS ACTIVITIES SINCE FORTY SIX AS THEY ARE UNLISTED. BUDED AUGUST TWENTY FOUR MUST BE MET.

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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF BARMINE, VOA.

RE NEW YORK TEL AUGUST TWENTY LAST. INFORMATION DEVELOPED KEY WEST, FLA. REFLECTS APPLICANT WAS WELL KNOWN BY WINTER CIRCLE OF WRITERS AND VISITERS TO KEY WEST. HIS CITIZENSHIP PROCEEDINGS WERE HANDLED BY ROBERT MORRIS, FORMER ONI OFFICER, OF HOCKWALD, MORRIS AND RICHMOND LAW FIRM, FORTY EXCHANGE PLACE, NYC. JOHN DEWEY AND FAMILY WITH WHOM HE LIVED IN KEY WEST IN NINETEEN FORTY PRESENTLY RESIDES AT ONE ONE FIVE EIGHT FIFTH AVENUE, NYC.

APPLICANT ALSO WELL KNOWN BY EUGENE LYONS, WRITER, ONE SIX FIVE EAST SIXTIETH STREET, NYC AND BURT GARNETT, FIVE VERNON TERRACE, BELLE HAVEN, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. INFO RICHMOND, APPLICANT IS FORMER RED ARMY BRIG. GENERAL AND SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO BROKE WITH THAT GOVERNMENT IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. HE WAS BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, EIGHTEEN NINETY NINE AT MOHILEFF, RUSSIA. NEW YORK AND RICHMOND HANDLE. BUDED PAST.

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Mr. Jack D. Neal, Chief
Division of Foreign Activity Correlation
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the completed investigation required under Public Law 402, of the 80th Congress, on the above-named person:

Report of Special Agent William C. Maupai,
dated August 31, 1948, at New York.

Report of Special Agent Clyde D. Nicoll,
dated September 7, 1948, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Homer E. Wilbur,
dated August 31, 1948, at Boston.

Report of Special Agent M. W. Meekings,
dated August 26, 1948, at Milwaukee.

Report of Special Agent James M. Tenant,
dated August 20, 1948, at New Haven.

COMMUNICATION REPORT OF Special Agent Woodrow F. Lipscomb,
BY dated September 1, 1948, at Richmond.

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Report of Special Agent Richard A. Payne,
SEP 2 1948 dated August 27, 1948, at Miami.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Report of Special Agent in Charge G. B. Norris,
dated September 2, 1948, at St. Louis.

Report of Special Agent in Charge G. B. Norris,
dated August 23, 1948, at St. Louis.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Jack D. Neal

Report of Special Agent William C. Maupai,
dated September 14, 1948, at New York.

There is also attached hereto a photostatic copy of a 38 page statement prepared by Mr. Max Eastman, which concerns his relationship with Alexander G. Barmine. Mr. Eastman has furnished this statement with the understanding that it will be regarded by the Department of State as strictly confidential.

It has been observed that the September 4, 1948, issue of the Saturday Evening Post contains an article written by Mr. Barmine entitled "In Defense of the Russian People".

Attachment

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 15, 1948

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE

Paul Palmer, one of the senior editors of Reader's Digest, called. He stated that Alexander Barmine had made application with the Voice of America; that apparently something was stymying his application; that he had written the Director and the Director had written a very kind letter back stating that he would be on the lookout for the investigation and then when we had gotten the request to make the investigation the Director had written him further.

After checking on the matter, I called Mr. Palmer back and told him we received the request to make the investigation on August 12, that the investigation was completed and all reports forwarded to the State Department under date of September 20. I told him for his ~~confidential~~ information that there was no subversive data developed but that, as he, Palmer, knew, Barmine had rubbed some people the wrong way. He stated that they would start a fire under the State Department.

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Mr. Jack D. Neal
Associate Chief
Division of Security
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ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Reference is made to my letter dated September 20, 1948, with which you were furnished reports reflecting an investigation of Mr. Barmine as required under Public Law 402, 80th Congress.

On July 20, 1950, [redacted]

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[redacted] was in touch with the Washington Field Office of this Bureau and volunteered the following information pertaining to Mr. Barmine:

[redacted]
[redacted] She informed that Mr. Edgar Sisson, one of President Wilson's emissaries at that time, had written a book entitled "One Hundred Red Days," in which he claimed that Alexander Barmine, who was then engaged in Soviet espionage work, was behind the death of her husband. She said that at that time Barmine was at Teheran. [redacted] pointed out that Mr. Barmine had written a book entitled "One Who Survived," in which he set forth his experiences as a Russian espionage agent.

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[redacted] said that she has learned that Mr. Barmine is now connected with the Russian Division of the Voice of America. Because of his background, [redacted] feels that Mr. Barmine should not be in such a position. She said that in furnishing the information to the Bureau she merely wanted her feelings in this regard to be recorded.

The above is furnished for your confidential information and should not be disseminated outside of your department.

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Sgt. J. W. [Signature]

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
SI - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

DATE: July 21, 1950

[Signature]

This is to advise that [redacted]

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[redacted] telephonically
contacted the WFO on the afternoon of July 20, 1950, and informed that [redacted]

She informed that EDGAR SISSON, one of President WILSON's emissaries at that time, has written a book entitled "One Hundred Red Days" in which he claims that ALEXANDER BARMINE, who was then engaged in Soviet Espionage work, was behind the death of [redacted]. BARMINE at that time was at Teheran. Informant stated that BARMINE himself has written a book entitled "One Who Survived," in which he admits spying for Russia.

[redacted] stated that later BARMINE was Russia's representative in Greece. When he was recalled by Russia he saw the handwriting on the wall and went to France and persuaded the American Ambassador there to let him enter the United States.

Informant stated that he is now connected with the Russian Division of the Voice of America. She feels that because of his background he should not be in such a position. She stated she merely wanted the Bureau to know her feelings in this regard.

It is suggested that the Bureau might desire to make the above information available to the State Department.

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Sgt. J. W. [Signature]

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 15, 1950

E.D.M.²⁸ FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE
 SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT
 Public Law #402, 80th Congress
 VOICE OF AMERICA.

Rerep Special Agent RICHARD A. PAYNE dated August 27, 1948 and subsequent teletypes.

There is enclosed herewith a clipping from the Key West CITIZEN of August 10, 1950 headed "No Communism in Russia. It is a Land of Privilege."

The attached clipping reports a talk made by ALEXANDER BARMINE to the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Key West on August 9, 1950.

A complaint was made to an Agent of this office by Mr. HOBSON DAY, Station Manager of radio station WKWF in which DAY referred to instant article and advised he received the definite impression from listening to the reported remarks of BARMINE, that BARMINE was anti-American and pro-Communist.

On approximately the same date Lieutenant Commander B. H. BERRY, Legal Officer, United States Naval Station at Key West, Florida, advised that BARMINE usually came to Key West, Florida, during the winter season and that his appearance in Key West during the summer of 1950 caused him some apprehension.

The above is submitted for information purposes and unless advised to the contrary, no action is being taken by this office.

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"No Communism In Russia. It Is A Land Of Privilege"

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MRS. BETTY M. ROBERTSON

*So Answers
Barmine To
Query from
Jaycee Member*

"There is no Communism in Russia", a former Russian general and diplomat, told local JayCees in an interview here last night.

Alexander Barmine, now a Voice of America director, stated that the present Russian government was neither socialistic nor communistic.

Barmine, author of "One Who Survived", made these assertions in answering questions put to him by members of the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce at a dinner-meeting last night.

"In Russia, there is a definite privileged class and inequality there is far greater than in any capitalist country", said the one-time Russian ambassador to Greece.

The average Russian is

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

By AP Newfeatures

JOHN STEELE, born Aug. 10, 1891, at McLeansboro, Ill., son of a Hamilton County Judge. Lawyer, former, businessman and former governor of Illinois, Steele was unanimously elected national commander of the American Legion in 1945. He was a captain in World War I.

ARMORED TRAP

(Continued from Page One) indicated the North Korean drive could be stopped.

Fighter pilots hinted at the seriousness of the situation. They said: "We began strafing the advancing enemy before we got our wheels up."

Four Mustang planes were lost in defending the airstrip. Three were shot down by Communist ground fire. One pilot is missing, three were rescued.

Defending ground troops in the Pohang region are South Koreans. One Red force knocked them back from the port of Yong-dok to the north of Pohang. A second Communist thrust carried Red troops by night through mountain valleys. The second Red drive captured Kigye—about eight miles northwest of Pohang. Then the Communists pushed four miles southward beyond the town.

Allied warships have been holding back Red advances in this coastal region by heavy gunfire. But the Reds inland drive is protected by high mountain ranges—keeping the Communists safe from withering Naval bombardment.

Smash Wonsan

American B-29's have smashed anew at North Korea's rail and oil center, Wonsan, in the greatest single bomber attack of the Korean war. Seventy of the giant superforts unloaded some 625 tons of bombs on targets in Wonsan and at other points of the Red transportation network north of the 38th Parallel.

This time the strike was carried out in clear weather; Bombar-
diers were able to sight their targets by eye. But by the time

"NO COMMUNISM"

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Part of the power of the party rests in the fact that approximately 14 million persons, representing most of the families of Russia, are held in concentration camps, Barmine stated. The population is kept in line by threats of what will happen to their relatives in these camps if they should offend the Kremlin, he said.

For the first time in many years, the Iron Curtain is being effectively penetrated, he revealed. Through the Voice of America, the United States is beating Russia in a fabulous propaganda battle, he stated.

Barmine disclosed that for a while, the Communists were thwarting this country's efforts to reach the people behind the Iron Curtain by jamming radio frequencies.

"We spent \$30 million trying to reach the people and the Kremlin spent \$60 million trying to jam us," he asserted.

The United States continued to add transmitters, however, until the Russians could no longer keep pace, he said.

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May Call Currie, Lattimore.
Senator O'Conor said that sworn testimony given before the committee indicated that Mr. Lattimore and Mr. Currie were among those who had sought to obtain the commission for Field.

"It has been reported in the press since our last meeting that Lauchlin Currie denies any such assistance," Senator O'Conor said. "So far as I have noted, Owen Lattimore has made no such denial."

"It would appear that the matter is of such importance that this committee should hear directly from these individuals, who should welcome an opportunity to appear if the accusations against them are not well founded."

Senator McCarran said this was under consideration as well as a possible request for Defense Department files in the Field case.

Chairman McCarran announced that Hede Massing, originally scheduled as the first witness in today's public hearing, would be heard Thursday. Mrs. Massing, former wife of Communist Gerhard Eisler, who jumped bail to flee to Europe, testified at closed hearings of the subcommittee on April 30 and May 1. Senator McCarran described her as a former Communist who "operated on the higher level and who was in the know." He added she had been "most cooperative and helpful."

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"More Important" Things.
 In subsequent conversations with the Soviet military intelligence chiefs, Mr. Barmine said it was brought out that there



—AP photo.
EX-RED GENERAL — Alexander Barmine, a one-time brigadier general in the Soviet Army, testifying today before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He is now chief of the Russian desk on the State Department's Voice of America radio program.

were "more important things" for the two Americans to do in the Institute of Pacific Relations.

"How was the institute described by Gen. Berzin?" Mr. Morris asked.

Mr. Barmine replied that the explanation was given that the institute was "a very valuable outlet with important work" to do.

"Was it considered an arm of Soviet military intelligence?" Senator Eastland asked.

Mr. Barmine replied that it was considered important to find a man in Russia went to the Soviet "apparatus" within the institute.

Mr. Barmine also testified that from the party as well as his diplomatic post because of the 1937 he had a conversation in Paris inomatic post because of the 1937 Krivitsky, who also turned against him during which he asked knew they were innocent of any Krivitsky if he knew Mr. Barnes wrongdoings.

He added that Krivitsky said he knew them and they were "still our men."

Gen. Krivitsky was found shot to death here in February, 1941, and was listed as a suicide.

Senator Jenner, Republican, of Indiana, noted that Mr. Lattimore, widely-known Far Eastern expert, was accused last year by Senator McCarthy, Republican, of Wisconsin, of being the top Soviet agent in this country.

"Would you say that statement is true?" Senator Jenner asked.

Unable to Amplify.

"I told you exactly what I know," Mr. Barmine replied, adding that he was unable to say any more about the matter.

Mr. Barmine said his conversation with Gen. Krivitsky took place after he had resigned from a Soviet diplomatic post in Greece and had fled to Paris. At the time, he added, he understood the Soviet secret service had received orders to "liquidate" him.

At the beginning of his testimony, Mr. Barmine said he was

served in U. S. Army. He testified that he was naturalized in this country in 1943 after serving as a private in the United States Army, and has been with the State Department for three years. This was the first time, Mr. Barmine said, that he has testified before any congressional committee except for appearing before the same Senate subcommittee in an executive session.

As he took the stand, Chairman McCarran said Mr. Barmine was testifying under subpoena and was "rendering a great service." Senator McCarran also warned that the subcommittee will not tolerate any reprisals against witnesses who have been called to testify.

Before the Barmine testimony Senator O'Connor, Democrat of Maryland, suggested that Mr. Lattimore and Lauchlin Currie, former White House administrative assistant, be invited to testify regarding efforts to obtain a commission in Army intelligence during World War II for Frederick Vanderbilt Field, leftist New York millionaire.

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Barmine Says Russian Chiefs Called Lattimore 'Our Man'

**Ex-Soviet General
Also Names Barnes,
Former Newsman**

By Cecil Holland

Alexander Barmine, a former Russian general, testified today that in the 1930s the chief of Soviet military intelligence referred to Owen Lattimore and Joseph Barnes as "our men."

Mr. Barmine, now head of the Russian desk of the State Department's Voice of America program, gave the testimony before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee investigating whether any subversive forces have influenced American policy in the Far East.

He said the names of the two men were mentioned by Gen. Ian Antonovich Berzin, the Soviet military intelligence chief, during a conference in Moscow. At the time, Mr. Barmine testified, he was head of a Russian corporation supplying arms to a western Chinese province and to other countries, and had requested additional "reliable and competent" personnel for carrying on the operation. He added that the names of Owen Lattimore and Joseph Barnes were mentioned in a list of other foreign nationals who might be used in the undertaking.

A committee staff member, Benjamin Mandel, on the record identified Mr. Barnes as secretary witness testified that he requested the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations and names of Mr. Barnes and Mr. Lattimore were mentioned from 1931 to 1934. He also said

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Barmine Says Russian Called Lattimore and Barnes 'Our Men'

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tor of the institute's publication "Pacific Affairs." The committee has centered its public hearings thus far on the institute.

Senator Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, inquired if the Joseph Barnes mentioned was the one who formerly headed the foreign staff of the New York Herald-Tribune and served as correspondent in Moscow. Mr. Mandel replied that he was.

Mr. Barmine, a tall, distinguished-looking witness, testified he held the rank of brigadier general in Soviet intelligence while serving as executive director of the Russian export company formed ostensibly to sell automobiles and parts abroad.

He said Gen. Berzin asked him to open branch offices along the China coast as a means of providing a cover for and place to conceal arms and ammunition. He explained that the cache of arms was to be held until an opportune time came for Chinese Communists to seize that country by force.

First American Mentioned

It was in this connection, the witness testified, that he requested the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations and names of Mr. Barnes and Mr. Lattimore were mentioned. They were the first American names that were ever mentioned to me, Mr. Barmine testified, and I was rather surprised.

In reply to questions by Robert Morris, chief counsel of the subcommittee, Mr. Barmine said the names came up more than once. But he added that it was not discussed as to what they should do and that he did not ask questions since that was something not done.

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[redacted] furnished the Bureau with a copy of a radio address on "Your Congress," which he made over radio station WJR Detroit, on July 27, 1951, and in which address he mentioned the "Voice of America" program of the State Department. Photostatic copies of the radio address are attached for the Detroit and New York Offices.

[redacted] stated that as a result of this broadcast, [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically contacted him and subsequently wrote him two letters, photostatic copies of which are attached for the Detroit and New York Offices.

In his letter of July 30, 1951, [redacted] alleges he is in possession of valuable information that the Russian and Ukrainian divisions of the "Voice of America" are infiltrated by pro-Russian traitors and Marxists; that the head of the Russian and Ukrainian divisions is Alexander Barnine, a former political attache of the Soviet Embassy in Athens, Greece, and formerly a trusted agent of the Soviet NKVD; that his assistant and nominal head of the Ukrainian division is Nikita Hryhoryiw (Grigoriev), a pro-Russian Socialist Marxist and well-known to the Ukrainian Americans for his Socialist activities in this country and Canada; and that this is the reason why the broadcasts are futile and damaging to our national policy.

In his letter of July 31, 1951, [redacted] alleges that Barnine's testimony against Sam Lattimore before the McCarran Committee is in line with Communist policy to discredit those who are no longer of use to the Communist cause.

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cc - Nikita Hryhoryiw, aka,
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that Boettcher is probably doing so at the expense of the Soviet Government and to cover up his own activities; and that Enzian was planned by the Berlin government and is still a Soviet project.

Bureau File Number G-2. Referring to the subject of a "Voice of America" program inquiry investigation in 1940, New York File 123-1170. This investigation called to reflect any possible information other than that confidential Informant [redacted] of the New York Office advised on March 1, 1940, that when AMY DON OTT Washington, D. C. had told him that BORRASO was A VERY COMMUNIST PERSON AND SHOULD NOT GO TO THE UNITED STATES AGAIN FORCIA. The informant also stated that BORRASO had been a former bullocky corporal in the U.S. Army and was one of the officers who had held out in Phoenix but had escaped the purge by fleeing to Mexico. In this investigation, Mr. RAY CUNNELL, K. Bureau Mexico, told Haven, ALBEMARLE, Virginia, on examination of BORRASO's character, it was found during his extremely anti-American sojourns and statements, he denied that BORRASO is as completely loyal as a native-born American. In this regard it was noted having the United States and becoming a citizen of a foreign country, if the individual ever left the United States.

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interrogated by the New York Bureau on several occasions and
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The report of Special Agent Coffey in Toledo, dated January 9, 1943, at Toledo, Michigan, contained herewith. The report states (All Citations Capitalized) "RECENT SECURITY - FBI TELETYPE FILE 101-4941, A COPY OF WHICH WAS FURNISHED BY THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHOWS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA, LOCAL UNIT, ON APRIL 27, 1942, REQUESTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPROVE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA TO HOLD AN APRIL 25, 1942, MEETING AT WOODSTOCK. THIS INFORMATION PLEASED THAT THE COMMUNIST COMMUNISTS PROPOSED TO OPERATE AS AN INDEPENDENT GROUP IN PREPARATION OF ANOTHER POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE BY THE INDEPENDENTS. THE COMMUNIST PARTY THEN BEGAN TO PREPARE THE SECOND FOR ANOTHER. THIS CONFERENCE AND THE DOCUMENTS AND INFLUENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMUNIST GROUP IS ABOUT COMPLETED AND THE 5 AUTHOR OF PRACTICALLY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO

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the leaders of the progressive elements among the Slavic people. In the main this campaign was carried on through the "Hour," a party line newsletter edited by Albert L. Kahn. This newsletter attacked in Nazi agent Victor Chernoy, an outstanding leader of Democratic socialism, and Professor Mikita Grigoriev, well-known Ukrainian leader, who as long ago as 1918 fought against the German occupation of the Ukraine. Professor Grigoriev is now suing Kahn for libel." (100-56674-46)

Bureau letter dated May 16, 1942, to the New York Office, captioned "Surreinians in the United States, Internal Security - C," a copy of which was furnished the Detroit Office, forwarded an undated memorandum received from the office of the Coordinator of Information, which memorandum states on page 14, that G. Tryhoryiw has ceased as a contributor to "Narodna Volya" (The People's Will), the tri-weekly newspaper of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association. On page 16, information is set forth that G. Tryhoryiw is a member of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian National Council.

(61-10497-2)

The Detroit Office is instructed to conduct an immediate interview with [redacted]. This interview should be handled by a mature, experienced and well-qualified agent. [redacted] should be thoroughly interviewed and the valuable information allegedly in his possession should be examined concerning his allegations against Kahn and Tryhoryiw, and his allegations that the Fusion and Ukrainian divisions of the "Voice of America" are infiltrated by pro-Russian travelers and xenists. b7D

The identity or identities of the individual involved should be ascertained and separate reports suitable for dissemination should be submitted on each separate individual. Immediately upon completion of your interview with [redacted] a letter summarizing the interview should be furnished the Bureau.

It is noted that Shunkalewich is identical with the subject of Detroit file 62-601, and that [redacted]

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It is also noted that he was interviewed by the Detroit Office in connection with several investigations, Detroit files 100-3538, 65-391, 100-3479, and is mentioned in the report of Special Agent Charles J. Salomon, dated January 21, 1942, at Detroit, captioned "Ukrainian Activities in the United States, Internal Security - Ukrainians," Detroit file 100-3731, (102-8-298,305; 61-9183-62X; 100-31499-3; 61-10497-88).

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Surfiles reflect that in 1946, a confidential source learned [redacted]

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of the Soviet Embassy about Ukrainian War Relief, and had suggested the title of "Soviet Union War Relief," rather than "Russian War Relief," since the former would indicate that relief is being sent to all Republics of the Soviet Union, including the Ukrainian Republic. (65-30092-1699) [redacted]

It is further noted that [redacted]
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TO : D. M. Ladd
FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka.

Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine,
Alexandre Barmine
ESPIONAGE - RNIKITA HRYHORYIW, aka.
Nikita Grigoriev
ESPIONAGE - RPURPOSE:

To recommend that the attached radio address of [redacted] on July 27, 1951, and the two letters [redacted]

[redacted] be referred to Assistant Director Nichols for return to [redacted] and that [redacted] be advised that the Bureau will interview [redacted]

DETAILS:

After [redacted] made his radio address on July 27, 1951, in which he mentioned the "Voice of America" program [redacted]

alleges that the Russian and Ukrainian divisions of the "Voice of America" are infiltrated by pro-Russian travelers and Marxists, and that this is the reason why the broadcasts are futile and damaging to our national policy. He further alleges that Barmine, a former political attache of the Soviet Embassy in Greece, is now head of the Russian and Ukrainian divisions of the "Voice of America," and that he believes that Barmine was planted by the Soviet espionage and is still a Soviet agent. He further alleges that Nikita Hryhoryiw (Grigoriev) is Barmine's assistant and nominal head of the Ukrainian division of the "Voice of America," and that he is a pro-Russian Socialist Marxist.

3 ENCL 1 Barmine was the subject of a "Voice of America" special inquiry in 1948, and has been interviewed by the New York Office on several occasions. (123-1869, and 100-176949)

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Bureau files fail to reflect that Kryhoryiw was ever the subject of a Bureau investigation and fails to reflect anything which can definitely be identified with him.

The Detroit Office advised in 1946 that [redacted]

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[redacted] was also interviewed in 1942, in connection with the investigation of the United Hetman Organizations, Inc., an organization reportedly seeking to establish an independent Ukraine (61-9185-62X), and in 1943, in connection with the investigation of John W. Koos, a prominent Ukrainian leader in Detroit. (100-51499-3)

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In 1944, a confidential source learned from [redacted]

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[redacted] that he had informed [redacted] of the Soviet Embassy, about Ukrainian War Relief, and had suggested the title of "Soviet Union War Relief," rather than "Russian War Relief," since the former would indicate that relief is being sent to all Republics of the Soviet Union, including the Ukrainian Republic. (65-30092-1699) [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the copy of the radio address given by [redacted] and the two letters which he received from [redacted] and which are attached hereto, be referred to Assistant Director Nichols for return to Dondero and that [redacted] be advised that the Bureau will interview [redacted]. Photostatic copies of this material have been made for the Bureau files. Attached hereto is a letter to the Detroit Office requesting that [redacted] be interviewed immediately concerning his allegations.

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Radio Address of Congressman [REDACTED]
17th Michigan District, on "Your Congress"
Broadcast, July 27, 1951, Station WJR, Detroit

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Friends of the Radio Audience:

The last week in Congress was a busy one, and the present week has been equally so.

A week ago today the House of Representatives, in which I have the honor to serve the 17th Michigan District, passed an amended version of the White House-sponsored bill to extend the life of the Defense Production Act of 1950.

This week the House was expected to pass H.R. 4740, carrying this year's appropriations for the State, Justice, and Commerce Departments of the federal government.

Both measures are of the utmost importance. The first includes the economic controls, as to credit, prices, and wages, designed to enable the administration to combat inflation. The second includes provision of funds for the State Department, which administers the nation's foreign affairs.

In attempting to bring you up to date on these measures, I shall deal first with the Defense Production Act, as briefly as possible, and then proceed to the State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriations Bill.

Republican leaders in the House, and the wiser heads in the majority party, are satisfied that the measure, as it now stands, gives President Truman the economic control powers that properly he needs to halt the inflationary spiral. Powers, be it said, which he received in the 1950 Act a year ago.

House leaders are satisfied, too, that they have eliminated from the bill those excessive and un-Constitutional powers, demanded

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and during this period his services have been entirely satisfactory to his superiors."

I can only pity the stupidity of Jack K. McFall's statement. Is not Lattimore American born and did not the same State Department stated on many occasions, that Lattimore's services were satisfactory to his superiors and that Lattimore did not dictate the Far Eastern policy to our State Department?

Sincerely yours

[Redacted] b7D

by the president in pursuance of his private, plan to socialize the American economy.

The United States Senate already has passed a similar measure. Senate leaders, except for those who support the administration, say they have done a better job than the House, in knocking out the President's demands for economic controls which would be acceptable only to a British socialist.

Whatever the merits of the Senate claim, it becomes evident that the House and Senate Conference Committee may be expected quickly to iron out the differences between the two bills. The final draft sent to the White House should be adequate to the nation's needs, without infringing upon the liberties of the people.

The Defense Production Act extension bill passed by the House was approved by a vote of 323 to 92. That meant that a big majority of the Republicans, including myself, voted for it.

Republicans and some leaders among the Democrats, kept their promise to pass a measure properly designed to handle the anti-inflation job. At the same time, they kept their further promise to pass a measure designed to preserve the American people from socialistic regimentation.

One is compelled to smile, when he remembers the frantic administration propaganda, whereby the people were told earlier this month that everyone in Congress who sought to make any change at all in the administration bill was out to sabotage credit, wage, and price controls. It was propaganda; nothing more.

Any doubt that it was propaganda, deliberately false and wholly insincere, is dispelled by the recollection of what happened last year.

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Congress gave the President economic control powers early in September, long before he asked for them. He was still saying then that such powers were unnecessary and dictatorial in nature.

He refused to use them until January 26 of this year, after living costs had gone up another eight per cent. We all know what has happened to prices since that time, because of incompetent and in many instances corrupt application of those controls.

Controversy in the House of Representatives over the State, Justice, and Commerce Department appropriations centered chiefly about the United States Information Service, of the Department of State -- the organization popularly known as "The Voice of America".

So much already has been said about infiltration of the State Department by Communists and Communist sympathizers that apparently it was deemed unnecessary to go all over these things again in the course of debate. Not only Congress, but the public as well, knows now how the spies and other subversives in effect gave China, once our best friend, to the Kremlin. Congress and the people know how the Korean debacle came about.

Mention of these facts about the State Department reminds me of a fine article which appeared recently in "Labor's Monthly Survey", published by the American Federation of Labor. This splendid commentary on the failures of the State Department in the Far East indicated that Organized Labor has not been fooled by the propaganda which would justify the Truman foreign policy; propaganda which would excuse State Department mistakes, if they were nothing worse.

I was pleased, when I read the article in "Labor's Monthly Survey", to realize how closely my own thinking on these matters

conform with that of the great rank and file of Organized Labor in America.

Let us get back to "The Voice of America": It was my privilege a few days ago to address the House on this subject; a statement which I believe expressed in part the opinions of a majority in both political parties. I shall quote from it briefly.

I said: I think it is becoming increasingly evident to anyone, who has made so much as a casual study of "The Voice of America", that we are running a \$100,000,000 failure. The Voice's idea of an effective program is to send picture-books overseas, showing well-fed and well-clothed Americans.

From the reports I hear, the people of Europe and Asia are getting tired of such futile attempts at propaganda. Where we are fortunate enough in a place or two abroad to have a man in the foreign service who has some grasp of what is going on in the world, he invariably complains that our propaganda does not come to grips with the issue of Communism. For example --

What do the Italian people think of the pamphlet material of the United States Information Service? Here is the answer, in the words of an official of the State Department itself, Llewellyn E. Thompson, Jr., who is our minister to Rome.

The average Italian, said Thompson, is tired of looking at well-fed and well-clothed Americans. And what does Mr. Thompson prescribe? Material that is more directly anti-Communistic. His comments are contained in an official report of the State Department, dated March 7, 1951.

In the course of his remarks on the "Voice of America", Thompson urged that all pamphlet material should be specific in its

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approach to the Italian scene. Various population groups should be treated separately, so the material might be related directly to Italian life and problems.

Pamphlets would be more effective, he said, if they could show American community action through democratic processes. For example, how an American community solves its own housing problems, or how it handles safety programs and adult education. And always, he emphasized, a comparison should be drawn between life in the free world and life behind the iron curtain.

Mr. Thompson's remarks, of course, are applicable to "Voice of America" radio as well as to pamphlet material. Mere boasting of America's well-being is valueless. It would seem as if "The Voice of America" has been seeking to sell liberty to the world, at the same time taking great care not to offend our enemies in the Kremlin. As if that were possible. It sounds like appeasement.

In view of the glaringly evident failure of "The Voice of America" to do its job, it becomes interesting to analyze for a moment the State Department's request for appropriations this year. Here are some pertinent figures.

In 1942, appropriations for the State Department totalled \$37,433,519. The request for the present 1952 fiscal year totals \$283,566,476. Thus the latest budget request is nearly eight times that of ten years ago. If the State Department gets even a substantial part of what it asks this year, and counting probable deficiency requests, Congress will have appropriated approximately \$2 billion for this department in eleven years.

Contrast this, if you will, with the fact that in the thirty years between 1790 and 1820 the State Department increased its staff only from one Secretary and five clerks to one Secretary, eleven clerks, and three messengers. In those days our foreign representatives supported themselves by charging visa fees and the like.

Back in 1870, the State Department consisted on only sixteen separate administrative units. Today the State Department consists of 113 units. Today the State Department employs nearly 30,000 persons. And of this huge and unwieldy force, forty-seven per cent, or 15,500, are employed by "The Voice of America".

A chart, prepared in connection with the State, Justice, and Commerce Department Appropriations Bill, shows that the 1952 budget request for \$285,566,476 is divided roughly as follows:

For the State Department itself, to pay salaries and expenses, \$77,400,000; for "The Voice of America", again to pay salaries and expenses, \$115,000,000. The rest is for foreign service.

Thus the State Department asks for its regular functions only 27.3 per cent of the total budget request, while 40.6 per cent of the total is asked for "The Voice of America".

The House Appropriations Committee cut "The Voice of America" appropriation down to \$85,000,000; but, even then, it remains greater than that for all other functions of the State Department.

In view of the failure of "the Voice of America" to serve at all effectively in selling freedom and the concept of human dignity to men everywhere, it would seem to me that something in the State Department is very wrong -- very wrong, indeed!

It has been said that Franklin D. Roosevelt said America's first line of defense was on the Elbe River, in eastern Germany; and that President Truman has said it is now along the 38th Parallel in Korea. To my own mind, our first line of defense should be an able, honest, and well-administered Department of State.

But we cannot have this real first line of defense so long as appeasement of Communism is the administration policy, and so long as things like the "Voice of America" can continue to exist as of today. We cannot have that real first line of defense until the State Department has demonstrated itself to be strong and loyal to America and to all that is American; until it has regained the worldwide respect that it has lost.

The "Voice of America", as we all know, will be continued. But I trust that the bitter congressional debate this week will have made it clear to the Truman administration and to Secretary Acheson that the American people will not tolerate a "Voice of America" guilty, not only of appeasement, but also of downright stupidity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka.

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[redacted] was interviewed concerning the allegations he made regarding the possible espionage activities on the part of ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, head of the Russian and Ukrainian divisions of the Voice of America, and his assistant NIKITA HRYHORYIW, and the fact that the Russian and Ukrainian divisions of the Voice of America are infiltrated by pro-Russian travelers and Marxists.

[REDACTED] APPROVED FOR RELEASE

[redacted] was unable to furnish any further information concerning BARMINE other than what is contained in referenced letter. He stated most of the information reflecting that BARMINE was a former political attache for the Soviet Embassy at Athens, Greece, in addition to being a trusted NKVD agent, had previously appeared in anti-Communist Ukrainian newspapers published abroad. His reason for feeling that BARMINE was planted in the United States by Soviet espionage is based on the fact that he does not believe a Russian who held the position BARMINE did would be capable of defection. In regard to this, [redacted] put up the following question: "Can you imagine a man like J. EDGAR HOOVER going over to Russia and being placed in charge of Soviet propaganda against the United States?" [redacted] also mentioned the fact that the FBI has all information on BARMINE's background and past activities.

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RE: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka.
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[redacted] stated he met BARMINE on only one occasion which was in the fall of 1948 when [redacted] went to New York City for an interview in [redacted]. BARMINE did not interview [redacted] and nothing transpired between the two other than the fact that they met each other.

Concerning NIKITA HRYHORYIW, it should be noted a special inquiry investigation was conducted on NIKIFOR JAKOB HRYHORIEV for a position with the VOA. This individual is undoubtedly identical with NIKITA HRYHORYIW. Bufile is 123-2838.

In the report of SA ELWOOD A. PETT dated April 14, 1949, at Philadelphia, allegations were made that HRYHORIEV was a Socialist because of his Socialistic writings in "Narodna Volya" (People's Will), a Ukrainian newspaper published in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and an organ of the Ukrainian Working Men's Association. HRYHORIEV was co-editor of this newspaper in 1940 and 1941 and was held in low regard by the Ukrainians throughout the United States. The New York Office has a copy of the above-mentioned report.

[redacted] stated he met [redacted] Pennsylvania,

[redacted] He also advised that HRYHORYIW wrote Socialistic articles in this newspaper and was held in low regard by the majority of the Ukrainians in the United States. He further stated HRYHORYIW later went to Canada where he continued his Socialistic writings and activities.

According to [redacted], a close friend of HRYHORYIW is YAROSLAV CHYZ who was co-editor of "Narodna Volya" at the same time HRYHORYIW was. It should be noted that CHYZ was listed as a reference in HRYHORYIW's application for employment with the VOA. In addition, [redacted] stated that CHYZ is quite friendly with R. ABRAMOVICH (also spelled ABRALOWICH) and a [redacted] MARGOLIN.

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R. ABRAMOVICH, according to [redacted] is a Ukrainian Socialist who wrote an article in the July 8, 1951, issue of the New York Times dealing with Russian history. This article was later answered by a NICHOLAS PRYCHODKA, a displaced person from the Soviet Ukraine who wrote the book, "Moscow's Drive for World Domination." PRYCHODKA's article appeared in the August 7, 1951, issue of "Svoboda," a Ukrainian daily published in the United States. In this article, PRYCHODKA claims that ABRAMOVICH's article had attempted to disorganize American thought and had defended the interests of Russian imperialism.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] MARGOLIN is a Socialist who was the former Minister of Jewish Affairs in the Ukraine after World War I.

According to [redacted], when the Ukrainian Desk was being established in the VOA, a panel was set up consisting of Ukrainian experts who were to judge the applicants who applied for positions on the Ukrainian Desk. PHILIP MOSLEY, an American professor in the Russian Division, Columbia University, New York, was asked to join this panel to help judge the applicants. In regard to this, [redacted] exhibited a letter which he received from the State Department dated January 28, 1949, setting forth the information that MOSLEY was to be a member of this panel.

[redacted] is of the opinion the members of this panel were greatly influenced by HRYHORYIW, CHYZ, MARGOLIN and ABRAMOVICH. [redacted] based his opinion on the type of individuals who are currently employed on the Ukrainian Desk and the friendship existing between the above four individuals.

[redacted] This letter contained the names of twelve persons who are employed on the Ukrainian Desk of the VOA. There were also comments appearing beside the names of these persons.

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According to [redacted]

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The following are the names and comments about each
of the employees of the Ukrainian Desk as contained in
[redacted] and as translated by
[redacted]

Professor NIKIFOR HRYHORYIW - assistant to BARMINE,
is American citizen; politically is a Socialist revolutionary.

Professor VALENTINE SCHUKAYEVSKY - displaced person
from Eastern Ukraine (USSR) and assistant to NIKIFOR HRYHORYIW;
holds same political views as HRYHORYIW.

NICHOLAS STEPANEKO - displaced person and member of
the Ukrainian Socialist Revolutionary Party. His political
views are very left and he conforms completely with the
Bolshevists including the nationalization of all industry;
is also a Russian federalist.

IVAN (JOHN) KOLOSIW - displaced person and new
immigrant from Soviet Russia; is an actor with limited
talent and holds same political views as the Socialist
Revolutionary Party.

LIDIA DRAHNEVSKA - displaced person from the Soviet
Ukraine. Serves as interpreter. Political views are between
the Socialist Revolutionary Party and the Union of Ukrainian
National Democrats.

LUDMILA IVCHENKO - new immigrant and the only one who
stands for the principles of the Ukrainian Congress Committee
(SHUSTAKEWICH advised this is an anti-Communist American
organization).

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Mrs. TETYANA KOTIK - the only Ukrainian displaced person from the Western Ukraine; is a nationalist and holds democratic political views.

PRYCHODKA - This man and his wife work here. Both are displaced persons and politically are Socialists.

Professor PANTALAYON KOVALIVA - displaced person from the Eastern Ukraine. Politically is more or less balanced; is not an extremist.

GREGOR (GEORGE) DENYSENKO - displaced person from the Eastern Ukraine (USSR) and a Socialist Revolutionary.

EUGENIA VINNICHENKO - displaced person from the Eastern Ukraine. Is an opera singer. Is the announcer on the VOA.

Mrs. ZALEVSKA - American citizen; came to United States in 1938 or 1939. Is a Socialist Revolutionary and a Marxist.

Indices of the Detroit Office are negative concerning YAROSLAV CHYZ, R. ABRAMOVICH and MARGOLIN. With the exception of HRYHORYIW, Indices are also negative regarding the employees of the Ukrainian Desk of the VOA.

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[REDACTED] stated he went to New York City on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] where he was interviewed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This

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was the occasion when [redacted] met BARMINE. [redacted]
[redacted] told [redacted] that he was a "Ukrainian"

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In view of this [redacted] is of the opinion that
[redacted] was influenced by members of the Russian Desk of the
VOA [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that in the February 20, 1949,
issue of the "Ukrainian Tribune," a Ukrainian newspaper formerly
published in Munich, Germany, an article appeared on page 4,
columns 3 and 4, wherein Ukrainian displaced persons over
there expressed resentment to the VOA broadcast. This article
stated that a broadcast of the VOA is no different than one
coming from Soviet Russia. It also expressed additional
dissatisfaction over the fact that BARMINE was at the head
of the broadcasts.

[redacted] stated in view of the fact that the majority
of the members of the Ukrainian Desk are from the Eastern
Ukraine (USSR) and politically are Socialists and the fact
that [redacted] made mention to him as a "Ukrainian
separatist" and due to the general feeling of the Ukrainian
displaced persons abroad, he feels that the Ukrainian Desk
in the VOA consists of pro-Russian followers, all of whom
claim to be anti-Soviet. [redacted] advised the only
difference between a Socialist and a Communist is that the
Communist advocates the overthrow of a government by force.

[redacted] could furnish no definite information
relating to the Russian Desk of the VOA but felt that since
BARMINE is also in charge of this desk, there would be little
difference in the type of individuals who are employed there.

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Inasmuch as [redacted] could furnish no information regarding Soviet espionage, individual cases are not being opened at this time on any of the employees of the Ukrainian Desk of the VOA.

It is requested, however, that WASYL MUDRY, 26 Riverview Place, Yonkers, New York, be interviewed by the New York Office for any additional information in his possession relating to the employees of the Ukrainian Desk of the VOA. [redacted] advised that MUDRY undoubtedly would be cooperative with Bureau agents.

The New York Office should also consider an interview with PHILIP MOSLEY of the Columbia University, New York, in order to determine whether or not any influence was exerted by HRYHORYIW, CHYZ, ABRAMOVICH or MARGOLIN in the selection of employees for the Ukrainian Desk.

[redacted] has furnished the Detroit Office with information in the past relating to various Ukrainian activities in Detroit. He requests that his name be kept confidential.

No further action is being contemplated by the Detroit Office UACB.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V/W*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER BARMINE

DATE: September 14, 1951.

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Robert Morris advised me that Alexander Barmine was very much distraught and was fearful he would be the target of retaliation as the result of testimony before the Committee. He pointed out his wife, [redacted] had left him and had gone to San Francisco to work for United Press and had taken their little daughter with her. He was very anxious over what conditions his wife might be living in and the condition of the child.

I asked Tracy to discreetly ascertain this information for me. He subsequently advised me of this information.

I advised Morris on a strictly confidential basis that

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Morris expressed appreciation.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Laughlin

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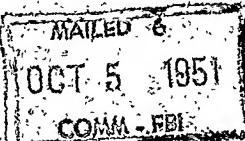
You are instructed to interview Mr. Jacob Levy, 26
Stevens Place, Manhattan, New York, and Professor Shlomo Israely
of Columbia University, New York, relative to the individuals and
the matter mentioned in rebuklet. You should submit the results of
these interviews under separate and proper captions with the project
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TO : The Honorable
L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

FROM : Robert D. Barber
Assistant Director (Security)

SUBJECT : BARMINE, Alexander
IDS - 1085

On May 18, 1972, I advised you of the confinement of an employee of U.S. Information Agency, Mr. Alexander Barmine, to St. Elizabeth's Hospital as a result of incidents which raised a serious question of his mental and emotional stability.

After spending several weeks at St. Elizabeth's, Mr. Barmine was released on his own recognizance pending trial in Superior Court on June 27. At the time of his release he appeared rational and discussed plans for retirement with an Agency official. Subsequent to his release, however, his mental state fluctuated and he frequently acted in an irrational manner. He did not appear for trial as scheduled on June 27, and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

The Agency has learned directly from Mr. Barmine that he is now in Europe and plans travel to several countries to search for a suitable retirement site. We alerted the Department of State, Office of Security of Mr. Barmine's presence in Europe and have received confirmation of the employee's stays in London and Geneva. According to our latest information, Mr. Barmine planned to return to London from Geneva on July 17, and made a reservation at the Kensington Palace Hotel.

We will continue to advise you of any future developments which would appear to be of interest to the Bureau.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief, Division of Security
Office of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka., Alexander
Gregory Graff Barmine, Alexandre Barmine;
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NIKIFOR JAKOB HRYHORIEV, aka., Nikita
Hryhoriw, Nikita Grigoriev;
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Enclosed herewith for your information are copies
of the following reports in the above-captioned matter:

(1.) Report of Special Agent John M. Collins,
dated March 7, 1952, at New York, New York.

(2.) Report of Special Agent Frank J. Knoth,
dated March 26, 1952, at Detroit, Michigan.

In this connection, it is noted that this Bureau
conducted Voice of America investigations concerning Barmine
and Hryhoriev, the results of which were furnished to your
Department on September 20, 1948, and May 10, 1949, respectively.

In view of the investigation previously conducted,
and in view of the results of the investigation reflected
in the enclosed reports, no further investigation is contemplated
by this Bureau.

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NOTE: This case originated when Congressman George A. Dondero
of Michigan furnished the Bureau with a radio address on "Your
Congress," in which he devoted considerable attention to the

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Voice of America Program. Following this speech, [redacted] received a telephone ~~wass~~ call and 2 letters from [redacted] of Detroit who alleged that the Russian and Ukrainian Divisions of the Voice of America are infiltrated by pro-Russian travelers and Marxists and further that Barmine, a former Political Attache of the Soviet Embassy in Greece, is now head of the Russian and Ukrainian Divisions of the Voice of America.

[redacted] stated that Barmine was planted by Soviet espionage and is still a Soviet agent, and that his assistant, Hryhoriev, is a pro-Russian Socialist, Marxist. [redacted] was interviewed by Detroit and was unable to furnish any further information in addition to that in his letter. He could furnish no specific information regarding Soviet espionage. Congressman Dondero on 11-4-51, was furnished by the Bureau a memorandum containing background information and results of the interview with Schustakewich. Concerning [redacted] Bufiles indicate

[redacted] In this connection, it is noted that [redacted] he revealed information received by him from one [redacted] concerning the political inclinations of a number of persons employed on the Ukrainian desk. [redacted] which,

according to Mosely, advocates the separation of the Ukraine from Russia. Mosely was also advised that the Ukrainian Separatists have been attempting to have one of their own men appointed as head of the Ukrainian desk of the Voice of America. The NYO has pointed out that this matter involves an internal fight among Ukrainians in the U. S. and that an interview with Mudry might be interpreted as indicating that the Bureau is favoring one side against the other.

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 3/26/MAR 9/11, 12/51; 2/29/ 52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 52	REPORT MADE BY FRANK J. KNOTH JMM
<u>ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka Alexander Gregory Graff Barmine, Alexandre Barmine;</u> <u>NIKIFOR JAKOB HRYHORIEV, aka Nikita Hryhoryiw, Nikita Grigoriev</u>		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant feels Russian and Ukrainian Divisions, VOA, are infiltrated by pro-Russian fellow travelers and Marxists. Believes ALEXANDER BARMINE also planted by Soviet Espionage but could furnish no concurrent reason for believing this. He described NIKITA HRYHORIY, Head of the Ukrainian Division, as a pro-Russian Socialist-Marxist. Members of Ukrainian Division VOA set forth with comments about each.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability, who stated the Russian and Ukrainian Divisions of the Voice of America were infiltrated by pro-Russian fellow travelers and Marxists. In addition, Informant Detroit T-1 felt that ALEXANDER BARMINE, Head of the Russian Division, Voice of America, was planted by Soviet Espionage and that his assistant, NIKITA HRYHORIY (GRIGORIEV) Head of the Ukrainian Division, was a pro-Russian Socialist-Marxist.

Upon recontact, Informant Detroit T-1 described BARMINE as a former political attache for the Soviet Embassy in Athens,

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January 8, 1952

Director, FBI

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA.
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NIKIFOR JAKOB HRYHORIEV, AKA.
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By letter dated August 10, 1951, which directed that [redacted] be interviewed in Detroit regarding the captioned individuals, the Bureau furnished the Detroit and New York Offices photostatic copies of 2 letters written by [redacted] and also a photostatic copy of a radio address given by [redacted]

By letter dated October 11, 1951, the New York Office advised that they were unable to locate referenced Bureau letter of August 10, 1951. It was not indicated whether or not Detroit received a copy of this New York letter.

Bureau letter to New York dated October 26, 1951, furnished a copy of referenced Bureau letter of August 10, 1951, with its enclosures to the New York Office. By letter dated December 17, 1951, a copy of which was furnished to the Detroit Office, the New York Office advised the Bureau that after a thorough and diligent search, the Bureau letter of August 10, 1951, and its attachments was not located.

It is desired that the Detroit Office conduct a search in order to ascertain whether or not the Detroit Office may possibly have received 2 copies of the Bureau letter of August 10, 1951, along with the attachments designated for New York.

You should advise the Bureau promptly of the results of this search.

cc - New York (100-69126)

cc - 123-1869 (Barmine)
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dated [redacted] and [redacted] letter dated [redacted]

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The Detroit Office is instructed to submit a report suitable for dissemination concerning the interview with [redacted] and the information contained in [redacted]. In this letter it is noted that [redacted] requested that his name be kept confidential. His identity should be covered by a T symbol.

It is suggested that no mention be made of [redacted] and the basis of the immediate investigation [redacted] concerning the [redacted] of the Voice of America and Alexander Barmine and Nikifor Jacob Hryhoriev.

The New York Office is instructed to submit a report suitable for dissemination reflecting investigation conducted by the New York Office in this case.

It is desired that both offices submit a sufficient number of copies of reports in this case for inclusion in the three individual files maintained at the Bureau on the subjects.

cc - New York (100-69126)

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NOTE: This case originated when [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the Bureau with a radio address on [redacted]

[redacted] Following this speech, [redacted] received a telephone call and two letters from [redacted] who alleged that the Russian and Ukrainian Divisions of the VOA are infiltrated by pro-Russian travelers and Marxists and further that Barmine, a former Political Attaché of the Soviet Embassy in Greece, is now head of the Russian and Ukrainian Divisions of the VOA. [redacted] stated that Barmine was planted by the Soviet espionage and is still a Soviet agent and that his assistant, Hryhoriev, is a pro-Russian Socialist Marxist. [redacted] was interviewed by Detroit and was unable to furnish any further information in addition to that contained in his letters. He could furnish no information regarding Soviet espionage.* The New York Office interviewed Professor Philip Mosley, Columbia University, who in 1948 assisted in setting up the Ukrainian Desk of the Voice of America. Mosley gave no indication supporting the allegations of [redacted]

Director, FBI
Bldg. Detroit (65-2392, 65-2393)

January 24, 1952

ALEXANDER G. TARIKIN, CIA
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NIKIFOR JAKOV BYKOVSKIY, CIA
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To New York letter dated December 17, 1951, page 4,
paragraph 3, referring to bullet to Detroit dated August 10,
1951.

The original and two copies of bullet August 10, 1951,
and three pages of enclosures were received by the Detroit Office.
One copy with enclosure is being forwarded to New York Headquarters.

REMARKS

c/o New York (100-69136) (Enc.)

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NYC, New York (100-69120)

October 30, 1951

Director, FBI

ALEXANDER D. BARMINE, aka
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NIKITA HRYHORYIW, aka
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Bullet 10/11/51. Attached hereto is a copy of
bullet to Detroit dated August 10, 1951, and photostatic
copies of the material described in that letter.

You will note that the enclosed copy of the
August 10 letter reflects that your office should have
received this letter with its enclosures. It is desired
that you expedite this matter.

A thorough and diligent search should be made
immediately to locate the copy of the letter originally
forwarded your office and the Bureau should be promptly advised
of the results.

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NOTE: Incoming NY letter requested
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Director, FBI

SAC, New York

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka
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October 11, 1951

Re Detroit letter 9/17/51 and Bulet 10/4/51.

NYO cannot locate Bulet of 8/10/51. Bureau requested to furnish copy of this letter to NYO so interviews of WASYL MUDRY and PHILIP MOSLEY can be conducted.

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